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License No. 47-23053-01

J. Vincent Donato
Plant Manager/Radiation Safety Officer
Eastern Associated Coal, LLC
Federal No. 2 Mine
1044 Miracle Run Road
Fairview, WV 26570

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCE FROM
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS – EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC

Dear Mr. Donato:

This refers to the letter dated December 19, 2013, from Mark Akers of Patriot Coal Corporation, notifying this office that on December 18, 2013, Patriot Coal Corporation, including its wholly owned subsidiary, Eastern Associated Coal, LLC, emerged from bankruptcy as a reorganized company. The letter was in response to our letter dated August 27, 2012.

From the letter it is my understanding that the reorganization of Patriot Coal Corporation under the terms of the bankruptcy proceedings will not affect your activities authorized by the above listed NRC license and that Eastern Associated Coal, LLC will continue to conduct its licensed activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of its license. Please let this office know immediately, in writing, if my understanding differs from yours.

Please contact Sattar Lodhi of this office at (610) 337- 5364 if you have any questions or need information concerning the status of your licensed activities.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Blake Welling

Blake D. Welling, Chief
Materials Security and Industrial Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure:

NRC Letter dated August 28, 2012

cc:
Mark Akers, Director of Environmental Compliance
State of West Virginia

J. V. Donato

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