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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCE FROM  
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS – HOBET MINING, LLC

Dear Mr. DesRocher:

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, Hobet Mining, LLC, emerged from bankruptcy as a reorganized company. The letter was in response to our letter dated August 28, 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 Hobet Mining, 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.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Med, Ind, & Academic Users**; then **Regulations, Guidance and Communications**. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **About NRC, Organizations & Functions; Office of Enforcement; Enforcement documents**; then **Enforcement Policy (Under 'Related Information')**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

K. DesRocher

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Blake Welling***

Blake D. Welling, Chief  
Commercial, Industrial, R&D and Academic Branch  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure:

NRC Letter dated August 28, 2012

cc:

Kenneth Daniel, P.E., Radiation Safety Officer  
Mark Akers, Director of Environmental Compliance  
State of West Virginia

K. DesRocher

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