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SUBJECT: PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF
BANKRUPTCY FILING, CONTROL NOS. 587031, 587032, 587033, 587034,
587037, AND 587038

Dear Mr. Akers:

This refers to your letter dated May 13, 2015, notifying this office that Patriot Coal Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Eastern Associated Coal (Harris Complex), Eastern Associated Coal (Fairmont), Hobet Mining, Apogee Coal Company, Midland Trail Energy, and Caterary Coal Company filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Thank you for notifying this office of the filing in a timely manner. Your letter is accepted as the notification required by 10 CFR 30.34(h)(1).

During your telephone conversation with Sattar Lodhi of this office on June 25, 2015, you confirmed that Patriot Coal Corporation and its affected subsidiaries continue to operate normally without any change in personnel associated with licensed activities and all licensed material remains in your possession securely stored at your facilities.

Please be reminded that this bankruptcy filing does not relieve Patriot Coal Corporation, and its subsidiaries of their obligations to comply with NRC requirements, including those relating to security and control of licensed material; decontamination and decommissioning of any contaminated facilities; and the retention of personnel required by NRC requirements [e.g., the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), authorized users, etc.]. Additionally, the license conditions and

the license remain in full effect even beyond the stated expiration date of the license, until the license is terminated in writing by NRC. Inspections of your activities by the NRC will continue to occur in the interim.

If the RSO leaves your employ, you must first properly secure, dispose of, or transfer all licensed material, and you must inform NRC of this situation. If you need to close a facility, you must first properly secure, dispose of, or transfer all licensed material that was in the facility.

You may not transfer control of your license or licensed material without prior written NRC approval, except as authorized by NRC regulations. You should ensure that your attorney and any trustee involved in the bankruptcy proceedings are aware of these obligations. Any person or entity who takes control of licensed activities or possession of the licensed material must first obtain an NRC license if not already authorized to possess your licensed material by the NRC or an Agreement State. Additionally, pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act, a reorganized entity emerging from Chapter 11 bankruptcy is required to receive written approval from NRC prior to assumption of control over your licensed activities.

The regulations cited above require each licensee to provide the required notification, therefore we request your assistance in providing to us the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any other entities that may be affected by this bankruptcy filing (e.g., sister or daughter company with an NRC or an Agreement State license).

Please notify this office immediately, in writing, if you are unable to meet any of these requirements/conditions. Also please notify this office: (1) of any changes to your licensed activities that the bankruptcy court may require; (2) when the bankruptcy proceeding is completed; and (3) when Patriot Coal Corporation or any of its subsidiaries emerges from bankruptcy. 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; 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; 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).

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Betsy Ullrich
for Blake Welling***

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