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RE: 47-24809-01 License Renewal – Your letter of December 3, 2021

Dear Mr. Pfingsten:

This letter is to provide a response to your correspondence of December 3, 2021 (and email follow-up of Dec 27, 2021), and to address outstanding issues regarding the renewal application for license 47-24809-01. Your letter requested information specifically regarding the removal / disposal / transfer of materials from the Harris Complex.

As you are aware, Rockwell Mining, LLC, currently holds License 47-24809-01; Rockwell, a subsidiary of Blackhawk Mining, LLC acquired the mining and other permits at the site as a result of a bankruptcy filing by Patriot Coal, LLC in late 2015. Patriot Coal was formed circa 2007 as a spin-off from Peabody Coal or Peabody Holding Company. In spite of these changes in ownership, there are personnel on site who have spanned multiple owners.

The Harris site consists of a coal stockpile area and a coal conveying system which transports the coal to the Rocklick Preparation Plant. The personnel on-site who are responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of this facility indicate that there is not, and has not been, any nuclear gauges in use at the Harris Complex during their tenure.

Blackhawk / Rockwell personnel have performed a record search of our files (prior license renewals, inventory sheets, etc.) and have found no indication that there were ever nuclear gauges installed at the Harris Site.

Please continue to direct all future correspondence regarding this license to:

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Should you have any questions regarding the above request please direct them to the undersigned at 304-340-1836 or to Mr. Brown.

Sincerely,



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