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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2012

TO: Land Reclamation Commission

FROM: Gene Noe, P.E.; Bond Forfeiture Engineer (*Original Signed By Gene Noe*)
Land Reclamation Program

SUBJECT: Responsibility Release Requests Universal Coal and Energy, Old Law Permit,
Mine 4, Joe Bonuchi Property

This responsibility release request is for lands that were mined by Universal Coal and Energy under what are referred to as Old Law Permits, which were issued before federal involvement in the permitting of coal mining operations.

The area for which the release is requested is owned by Joe Bonuchi and is the last of property that he currently owns that was mined by Universal Coal and Energy. A major portion of mined lands owned by Mr. Bonuchi have already received responsibility releases from the Land Reclamation Commission.

The Land Reclamation Program has been providing reclamation on property owned by Mr. Bonuchi since 1999.

Mr. Bonuchi has been active in the reclamation of his property and has received payments from the Land Reclamation Program for his reclamation efforts. Mr. Bonuchi has been informed of the intent by the Land Reclamation Program to seek responsibility release from the Land Reclamation Commission at the May 24, 2012 meeting.

Staff of the Land Reclamation Program have evaluated this site and have determined that the site meets criteria for responsibility release from the Land Reclamation Commission. Once responsibility release has been provided to the Land Reclamation Program no further expenditures for reclamation will be made related to the Bonuchi property.

It is requested that the Land Reclamation Program receive reclamation responsibility release from the Land Reclamation Commission for the total areas owned by Joe Bonuchi that were mined by Universal Coal and Energy.

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