

Public Notice
Coal Exploration Renewal
No. 02-86-795

On March 25, 2013, The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water received a request for a renewal of the Hoseanna Creek Exploration Permit (No. 02-86-795). This request was submitted by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, AK 99743 and would renew the existing permit for two additional years.

The Hoseanna and Emma Creek Exploration Permit was originally issued on July 7, 1986. The exploration area is located in the Hoseanna-Emma Creek Valley, approximately two miles northeast of Healy, Alaska within: Sections 26-28 and 34-35, Township 10 South, Range 6 West; Sections 3-5, 7-10, 16-21 and 25-35, Township 11 South, Range 6 West; Sections 25-26, 29 and 32-36, Township 11 South, Range 7 West; Sections 3-5, Township 12 South, Range 7 West; Sections 7 and 18, Township 11 South, Range 5 West, of the Fairbanks Meridian.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) UCM has proposed a reclamation bond in the amount of \$56,422.50 to cover the associated reclamation liability of 2 test pits, the capping and sealing of 22 monitoring wells and the capping and sealing of up to 50 additional drill holes.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All exploration and reclamation activities are to be consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

Copies of the Permit Application, Preliminary Findings of Fact and other supporting documents are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or on our website (www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). A person who may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may file written comments. Comments should be sent to Jim Renkert, at the Anchorage address listed above, by fax to (907) 269-8930, or by e-mail to: coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject "Hoseanna Creek Exploration permit application." The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2013.

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