

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

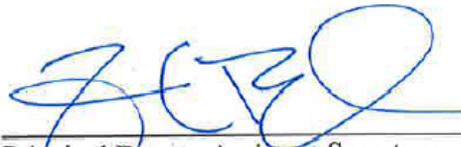
This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

Peabody Natural Resources Company  
701 Market Street, Ste. 718  
St. Louis, MO 63101-1826

for a new mining plan for Federal Lease NMNM 126813 at the El Segundo Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Peabody Natural Resources Company is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

1. Statutes and Regulations.--This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal Lease NMNM 126813; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.). This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such laws and regulations are made a part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (33 U.S.C 1251 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), and other applicable Federal laws.
2. This document approves the new mining plan for Federal Lease NMNM 126813 at the El Segundo Mine and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal leases within the area of mining plan approval. This authorization is not valid beyond:  
  
New Mexico P.M.  
Township 17 North, Range 9 West  
Section 34 All  
  
These lands encompass 640 acres and are shown on the mining plan approval area map attached hereto as Attachment A.
3. The operator shall conduct coal development or mining operations only as described in the complete permit application approved by the state of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of this mining plan approval.
4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the lease, this mining plan approval and the requirements of the New Mexico Permit No. 2010-01 and Permit Revision No. 2013-01 issued under the New Mexico State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.).

5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
6. If during mining operations unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). The operator shall take such actions as are required by the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department coordination with OSMRE.
7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

  
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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Land and Minerals Management

5/16/14  
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Date

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