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Kyle and Alan,

Mark and I had an informal meeting this morning with WWC representing Ramaco and the Brook Mine permit application. They had several questions about the acreage within the proposed permit boundary that overlaps with Big Horn Coal Company's permit. The issue that was under consideration is the status of the old BHC shop/warehouse facility that is not yet reclaimed. Allow me to highlight several of the topics discussed in our meeting:

- Sheridan County is a zoned county, zoning is enacted by the county commissioners and enforced by various county agencies, depending on their administrative responsibility. Zone changes can occur through a process defined by the county rules and regulations.
- The site occupied by the BHC shop facility is currently zoned as agricultural. Post mining land use was also defined as agricultural. Ramaco was concerned that they may run into difficulties with county zoning laws if they permit the land on which the BHC shop is located. The land should be zoned industrial if the shop is being used by some commercial entity but that possibility is currently uncertain.
- Ramaco does not want to be responsible for reclamation of BHC facilities remaining within the permit boundary.
- On a side-note; If the property were to be rezoned to Industrial, the value of the acreage would jump from \$700/acre (agricultural) to \$7,600/acre (Industrial). Should Ramaco attempt to purchase the property from BHC, it can be readily seen that BHC would definitely want to have the property zoned industrial. The acreage in question is approximately 2 ½ acres in size.
- The conversation was generally an information gathering session for Ramaco to ascertain existing ground conditions and their effects on the Brook Mine permit application.

We requested Ramaco, through WWC, to submit a letter or memo that outlines their concerns, comments, or questions. We made it clear that we would do our best to respond to their request or we would forward any questions we could not answer to the appropriate entity for clarification. This meeting did not cover anything related to their EQC request regarding surface owner consent and we kept it to the questions regarding potential zoning issues. We are awaiting their written questions and comments arising from this meeting.

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