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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

NEW PERMIT

Department of Environmental Protection



PERMIT NUMBER O200113

Issue Date February 11, 2015

NPDES NUMBER WV1027018, WV1027026

Expiration Date February 11, 2020

PERMIT

TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE MINING

Issued To:

NORTH CENTRAL RESOURCES, LLC

County Barbour Nearest Post Office Volga Limited To 215.00 Acres

Pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 22 of the Code of West Virginia, a PERMIT is hereby granted to the above named permittee to engage in surface mining in the state of West Virginia. As a condition of this permit, all surface coal mining and reclamation operations shall be conducted as described in and in compliance with the complete application and only on those lands specifically designated on the map(s) submitted. All operations shall be conducted to prevent significant imminent environmental harm to the health or safety of the public. The permittee shall, as soon as possible after learning of such condition or of noncompliance with any term or condition of the permit, warn any person whose health and safety is in imminent danger and the permittee shall immediately commence implementation of measures necessary to comply and shall also accelerate or provide the additional monitoring necessary to determine the nature and extent of such noncompliance.

The following are special terms and conditions of this permit: 1) The permittee shall notify the inspector five (5) days prior to beginning of operations unless operations begin within five (5) days of permit issuance; 2) The permittee shall obtain a NPDES (402)* Permit prior to initiation of mining activities; the NPDES Permit must be maintained through final release of this permit; 3) No instream work or filling activities can commence in waters of the U. S. until 404* Authorization is granted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its associated State (401)* Water Quality Certification is made; 4) MSHA approval must be obtained prior to initiation of any construction activities.

(*note: 401, 402 and 404 refer to applicable Sections of the Clean Water Act)

5). No disturbance shall be allowed on this permitted area until such time that all applicable workers on this site are covered by a workers compensation account approved by the West Virginia Insurance Commission and a sufficient wage bond approved by the West Virginia Division of Labor.

A copy of this PERMIT and the complete approved application upon which it is based shall be kept at the site of operations at all times.

Randy C. Huffman SECRETARY, Department of Environmental Protection

12/11/2015 DATE

By: Director, Division of Mining and Reclamation

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New Modification
 Abandonment/Elimination
 Transfer

PERMIT NUMBER 0200113



EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/07/2015

NPDES NUMBER WV1027026

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR A DAM

Issued To:

NORTH CENTRAL RESOURCES, LLC

County Barbour

Site Name North Central Resources No. 1 Fresh Water Impou

Location Volga

Classification A B C

Pursuant to Article 14, Chapter 22, of the West Virginia Code, this CERTIFICATE is hereby granted for a Dam in the State of West Virginia. All construction shall be conducted as per approved plans and specifications. Special conditions are as follows:

1. A permit to engage in Surface Mining under Chapter 22, Article 3, shall be issued prior to any construction activity, and maintained through final release of this approval.
2. Upon initiation of construction, the DEP must be notified before the structure is capable of impounding water and/or coal slurry.
3. A Monitoring and Emergency Warning Plan shall be formulated and approved by DEP before the structure is capable of impounding water and/or coal slurry.
4. Should a dangerous condition develop, the DEP shall be notified immediately by the owner via the 24-hour toll-free phone number 1-800-642-3074.
5. This approval is for the dam as per the plans and specifications submitted with the application and is limited to crest elevation 1492 ft.
6. If applicable, MSHA approval must be obtained prior to initiation of any construction activities authorized by this certificate.

A copy of this CERTIFICATE and the complete approved application upon which it is based shall be kept at the site of operations at all times.

Randy C. Huffman

SECRETARY, Department of Environmental Protection

By: DEP Authorized Representative