BOND RELEASE CALCULATIONS AT WYOMING MINES¹

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<u>Abstract</u>: In addition to the technical analysis verifying the partial or final completion of reclamation, the reduction in reclamation liability must be calculated as part of the bond release process. While not overly sensational or scientifically interesting, the calculated reduction in reclamation performance bond amount dollars is the measure of successful completion of reclamation. Through collaboration with the regulatory authority in Wyoming, the method for making these calculations for partial bond release requests has now been established for Peabody Powder River Operations, LLC mines.

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