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RE: PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION AND AFFILIATES  
 NOTIFICATION OF CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY FILING

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations in 10 C.F.R. § 30.34(h) (1), Patriot Coal Corporation ("Patriot") hereby provides notice that on July 9, 2012 it filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. This filing included substantially all of its wholly owned affiliates and subsidiaries and the cases have been consolidated in Case No. 12-12900. Several of Patriot's affiliated companies with operations in West Virginia are NRC license holders and a complete list of these NRC licenses is provided below..

COMPANY NAME	SPECIFIC NRC LICENSE NO.
EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC	47-24809-01
EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC	47-23053-01
HOBET MINING, LLC	47-23023-01
APOGEE COAL COMPANY, LLC	47-24917-01
MIDLAND TRAIL ENERGY	47-31315-01
CATENARY COAL COMPANY, LLC	47-25301-01

COMPANY NAME	GENERAL NRC LICENSE NO.
EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC	GL-40529
EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC	GL-651445
EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL, LLC	GL-701385
PINE RIDGE COAL COMPANY, LLC	GL-41212
KANAWHA EAGLE COAL, LLC	GL-700085
JUPITER HOLDINGS, LLC	GL-707879
PANTHER, LLC	GL-708880

Patriot also has operations in Kentucky, an agreement statement. Two affiliated companies hold Kentucky Radioactive Material Licenses and these companies are listed below.

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COMPANY NAME	KRM LICENSE NO.
GRAND EAGLE MINING, LLC	201-660-56
HERITAGE COAL COMPANY LLC	201-743-56

Patriot has notified the Kentucky Radioactive Materials Section of the commencement of the Chapter 11 proceedings.

At all times since filing the Chapter 11 petition, Patriot and its affiliates have continued operating according to the permits and licenses that they hold. Moreover, Patriot expects its mining operations to continue in the ordinary course throughout the reorganization process and Patriot fully intends to remain in compliance with these and all other regulatory requirements.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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