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Thursday, June 13, 2019

WELL WORK PLUGGING PERMIT  
 Not Available Plugging

PANTHER CREEK MINING, LLC  
 3228 SUMMIT SQUARE PLACE  
 SUITE 180  
 LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Re: Permit approval for 2  
 47-005-02370-00-00

This well work permit is evidence of permission granted to perform the specified well work at the location described on the attached pages and located on the attached plat, subject to the provisions of Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and to any additional specific conditions and provisions outlined in the pages attached hereto. Notification shall be given by the operator to the Oil and Gas Inspector at least 24 hours prior to the construction of roads, locations, and/or pits for any permitted work. In addition, the well operator shall notify the same inspector 24 hours before any actual well work is commenced and prior to running and cementing casing. Spills or emergency discharges must be promptly reported by the operator to 1-800-642-3074 and to the Oil and Gas Inspector.

Upon completion of the plugging well work, the above named operator will reclaim the site according to the provisions of WV Code 22-6-30. Please be advised that form WR-38, Affidavit of Plugging and Filling Well, is to be submitted to this office within 90 days of completion of permitted well work, as should form WR-34 Discharge Monitoring Report within 30 days of discharge of pits, if applicable. Failure to abide by all statutory and regulatory provisions governing all duties and operations hereunder may result in suspension or revocation of this permit and, in addition, may result in civil and/or criminal penalties being imposed upon the operators.

Per 35 CSR 4-5.2.g this permit will expire in two (2) years from the issue date unless permitted well work is commenced. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (304) 926- 0450.

James A. Martin  
 Chief

Operator's Well Number: 2  
 Farm Name: LAFOLLETTE  
 U.S. WELL NUMBER: 47-005-02370-00-00  
 Not Available Plugging  
 Date Issued: 6/13/2019

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## PERMIT CONDITIONS

West Virginia Code §22-6-11 allows the Office of Oil and Gas to place specific conditions upon this permit. Permit conditions have the same effect as law. Failure to adhere to the specified permit conditions may result in enforcement action.

### CONDITIONS

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1. All pits must be lined with a minimum of 20 mil thickness synthetic liner.
2. In the event of an accident or explosion causing loss of life or serious personal injury in or about the well or while working on the well, the well operator or its contractor shall give notice, stating the particulars of the accident or explosion, to the oil and gas inspector and the Chief within twenty-four (24) hours.
3. Well work activities shall not constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.

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1) Date Jan. 31, 2019  
2) Operator's  
Well No. 2  
3) API Well No. 47-005-30304

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO PLUG AND ABANDON

- 4) Well Type: Oil \_\_\_\_\_ / Gas \_\_\_\_\_ / Liquid injection X / Waste disposal \_\_\_\_\_ /  
(If "Gas, Production \_\_\_\_\_ or Underground storage \_\_\_\_\_) Deep \_\_\_\_\_ / Shallow \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Location: Elevation 1,006.0' Watershed: Joe's Creek  
District Sherman County Boone Quadrangle Sylvester
- 6) Well Operator Panther Creek Mining, LLC 7) Designated Agent Gary E. Acord  
Address 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180 Address P.O. Box 99  
Lexington, KY 40509 Dawes, WV 25054
- 8) Oil and Gas Inspector to be notified Name Jeff Smith  
Address 5369 Big Tyler Road  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313
- 9) Plugging Contractor Name CJ's Well Service  
Address 1013 Cydney Circle  
Oakwood, VA 24631

- 10) Work Order: The work order for the manner of plugging this well is as follows:  
See attached plugging prognosis
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- Total remaining 2" casing - 496 ft. (from 2150' depth to 2646' depth)
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- Total remaining 7" casing - 20 ft. (from 1995' depth to 2015' depth)
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- Total remaining 13.5" casing - 27 ft. (from 0' depth to 27' depth)
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- Total remaining 5.5" casing - 34 ft. (from 0' depth to 34' depth)

SEE PLUGGING PROGNOSIS  
MSHA LITC EXEMPTION

Notification must be given to the district oil and gas inspector 24 hours before permitted work can commence.

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FOR JEFF SMITH

Work order approved by inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5/08/2019

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**PLUGGING PROGNOSIS**

Well No. 2  
API# 47-005-30304  
Sherman District, Boone County

**Current Status**

Elevation: 1,006.00'  
Total Depth: 2,685' (Per Well Drilling Record)  
Active: No  
Plugged: Yes  
Lowest mineable coal seam between 660' – 665'  
Highest mineable coal seam between 80' – 82'  
Mineable coal seam are  $\geq$  20 inches or currently being mined

**Procedure for Plugging**

- 1) Notify state inspector, Jeff Smith, @ 681-313-6743, before starting.
- 2) Cleanout hole to at least 200 ft. below the lowest mineable seam of coal. Clean out to 865 ft.
- 3) Perforate casing (if Applicable) to 101C standards from 200 ft. below to 100 ft. above the Eagle Coal seam
- 4) Set a 865 ft. expanding cement plug from 865 ft. to 0 ft.
- 5) Cement will be set to the surface.
- 6) Depending on site conditions, plugging procedures may be modified after approval of the inspector.
- 7) All changes to the plugging procedures will be noted in the plugging affidavit.
- 8) Erect permanent monument with API number.
- 9) Reclaim the site and access road.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352  
Arlington, VA 22209-3939

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED MINING )  
LLC, AMERICAN EAGLE MINE <sup>1</sup> )  
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Petitioner ) MSHA Docket No. M-2013-050-C  
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CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 44.27, Panther Creek Mining LLC (“Panther Creek”), by its undersigned counsel, and the Solicitor for the Administrator of Coal Mine Safety, Mine Safety and Health Administration, hereby agree to a Consent Order resolving the above-referenced matter.

- 1) Pursuant to 30 U.S.C. § 101(c) and 30 C.F.R. Part 44, Panther Creek sought modification of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700, which provides as follows:

Each operator of a coal mine shall take reasonable measures to locate oil and gas wells penetrating coal beds or any underground areas of a coal mine. When located, such operator shall establish and maintain barriers around such oil and gas wells in accordance with State laws and regulations, except that such barriers shall not be less than 300 feet in diameter, unless the Secretary or his authorized representative permits a lesser barrier consistent with the applicable State laws and regulations where such lesser barrier will be adequate to protect against hazards from such wells to the miners in such mine, or unless the Secretary or his authorized representative requires a greater barrier where the depth of the mine, other geologic conditions, or other factors warrant such a greater barrier.

- 2) In its Petition for Modification, Panther Creek alleged that, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 44.4(a)(1), its proposed method was an alternative method of achieving the result of the

<sup>1</sup> The American Eagle Mine at issue in this matter is no longer operated by Speed Mining LLC. Instead, it is now operated by Panther Creek Mining LLC. Accordingly, the petitioner herein shall be referred to as Panther Creek Mining LLC.

standard which would at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the standard.

- 3) MSHA personnel conducted an investigation of the petition and filed a report of their findings and recommendations with the Administrator of Coal Mine Safety and Health.
- 4) On July 31, 2015, MSHA issued a Proposed Decision and Order granting the Petition for Modification.
- 5) Panther Creek disagreed with a number of conditions of the Petition for Modification and requested a hearing before a Department of Labor Administrative Law Judge pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 44.14. The parties have entered into settlement discussions and negotiated this Consent Agreement. In accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.27(b), this Consent Agreement contains Consent Findings and a Consent Order disposing of the entire proceeding.

**Consent Findings**

- 6) In accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.27(b)(1), both MSHA and Panther Creek agree that the following Consent Order shall have the same effect as if made after a full hearing.
- 7) In accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.27(b)(2), both MSHA and Panther Creek agree that the record on which the following Consent Order is based consists of the petition and agreement and all other pertinent information as set forth in Section 44.27(b)(2).
- 8) In accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.27(b)(3), both MSHA and Panther Creek agree to waive any further procedural steps before the Administrative Law Judge and Assistant Secretary.
- 9) In accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.27(b)(4), both MSHA and Panther Creek agree to waive any right to challenge or contest the validity of the Consent Findings and Consent Order made in accordance with this Consent Agreement.
- 10) Both MSHA and Panther Creek agree that the terms and conditions of the following Consent Order will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the existing standard under the conditions present at this particular mine.

**Consent Order**

Under the authority delegated by the Secretary of Labor to the Administrator for Coal mine Safety and Health and under § 811(c) and 30 C.F.R. Part 44, modification of the application of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700 at the American Eagle Mine is hereby GRANTED as set forth below.

**1. DISTRICT MANAGER APPROVAL REQUIRED**

- a. A safety barrier of 300 feet in diameter (150 feet between any mined area and a well) shall be maintained around all oil and gas wells (defined herein to include all active, inactive, abandoned, shut-in, previously plugged wells, water injection wells, and carbon dioxide sequestration wells) until approval to proceed with mining has been obtained from the district manager. Wells that were drilled into potential oil or gas producing formations that did not produce commercial quantities of either gas or oil (exploratory wells, wildcat wells or dry holes) are classified as oil or gas wells by MSHA.
- b. Prior to mining within the safety barrier around any well that the mine plans to intersect, the mine operator shall provide to the district manager a sworn affidavit or declaration executed by a company official stating that all mandatory procedures for cleaning out, preparing, and plugging each gas or oil well have been completed as described by the terms and conditions of this order. The affidavit or declaration must be accompanied by all logs described in subparagraphs 2(a)(2) and 2(a)(3) below and any other records described in those subparagraphs which the district manager may request. The district manager will review the affidavit or declaration, the logs and any other records that have been requested, and may inspect the well itself, and will then determine if the operator has complied with the procedures for cleaning out, preparing and plugging each well as described by the terms and conditions of this Order.

If the district manager determines that the procedures have been complied with, he will provide his approval, and the mine operator may then mine within the safety barrier of the well, subject to the terms of this Order.

If well intersection is not planned, the mine operator may request a permit to reduce the 300 foot diameter of the safety barrier but to not intersect the well. The district manager may require documents and information that help quantify the accuracy of the location of the well in respect to the mine maps and mining projections. This information may include survey closure data, down-hole well deviation logs, historical well intersection location data and any additional data required by the district manager. If the district manager determines that the proposed barrier reduction is reasonable, he will provide his approval, and the mine operator may then mine within the safety barrier of the well.

- c. The terms and conditions of this Order apply to all types of underground coal mining.

2. **MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR CLEANING OUT, PREPARING, PLUGGING, AND REPLUGGING OIL OR GAS WELLS**

a. **MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR CLEANING OUT AND PREPARING VERTICAL OIL AND GAS WELLS PRIOR TO PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING**

- (1) If the total depth of the well is less than 4,000 feet, the operator shall completely clean out the well from the surface to at least 200 feet below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam, unless the district manager requires cleaning to a greater depth based on his judgment as to what is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well (the operator shall provide the district manager with all information it possesses concerning the geological nature of the strata and the pressure of the well). If the total depth of the well is 4,000 feet, or greater, the operator shall completely clean out the well from the surface to at least 400 feet below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam. The operator shall remove all material from the entire diameter of the well, wall to wall.
- (2) The operator shall prepare down-hole logs for each well. They shall consist of a caliper survey and log(s) suitable for determining the top, bottom, and thickness of all coal seams and potential hydrocarbon producing strata and the location for a bridge plug. The district manager may approve the use of a down-hole camera survey in lieu of down-hole logs. In addition, a journal shall be maintained describing the depth of each material encountered, the nature of each material encountered; bit size and type used to drill each portion of the hole; length and type of each material used to plug the well; length of casing(s) removed, perforated or ripped or left in place, any sections where casing was cut or milled; and other pertinent information concerning cleaning and sealing the well. Coal seam depth will be based on an e-log survey completed at the time of the well plugging. This e-log information is used for determining the coal seam depth and the depths of the perforations or rips in the casing from the surface reference point. Invoices, work-orders, and other records relating to all work on the well shall be maintained as part of this journal and provided to MSHA upon request.
- (3) When cleaning out the well as provided for in subparagraph (a)(1), the operator shall make a diligent effort to remove all of the casing in the well. If it is not possible to remove all of the casing, the operator must take appropriate steps to ensure that the annulus between the casing and between the casings and the well walls are filled with expanding (minimum 0.5% expansion upon setting) cement and contain no voids. If the casing cannot be removed, it must be cut, milled, perforated or ripped at all mineable coal seam levels to facilitate the removal of any remaining casing in the coal seam by the mining equipment. Any casing which remains shall be perforated or ripped to permit the injection of cement into voids within and around the well. The operator shall ensure that work



performed prior to the date of this order to perforate or rip all casing remaining at mineable coal seam levels is consistent with either Appendix A or Appendix B (attached). All work performed after the date of this order to perforate or rip all casing remaining at mineable coal seam levels shall be consistent with Appendix A. Perforations or rips consistent with Appendix A or Appendix B, as applicable by the date of this order, are required at least every 50 feet from 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam up to 100 feet above the uppermost mineable coal seam.

If the operator, using a casing bond log, can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the district manager that all annuli in the well are already adequately sealed with cement, then the operator will not be required to perforate or rip the casing for that particular well. When multiple casing and tubing strings are present in the coal horizon(s), any casing which remains shall be ripped or perforated and filled with expanding cement as indicated above. An acceptable casing bond log for each casing and tubing string is needed if used in lieu of ripping or perforating multiple strings.

- (4) If the district manager concludes that the completely cleaned-out well is emitting excessive amounts of gas, the operator must place a mechanical bridge plug in the well. It must be placed in a competent stratum at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam, but above the top of the uppermost hydrocarbon-producing stratum, unless the district manager requires a greater distance based on his judgment that it is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well (the operator shall provide the district manager with all information it possesses concerning the geological nature of the strata and the pressure of the well). If it is not possible to set a mechanical bridge plug, an appropriately sized packer may be used.
- (5) If the upper-most hydrocarbon-producing stratum is within 300 feet of the base of the lowest mineable coal seam, the operator shall properly place mechanical bridge plugs as described in subparagraph (a)(4) to isolate the hydrocarbon producing stratum from the expanding cement plug. Nevertheless, the operator shall place a minimum of 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) of expanding cement below the lowest mineable coal seam, unless the district manager requires a greater distance based on his judgment that it is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well.

b. MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING OIL OR GAS WELLS TO THE SURFACE

After completely cleaning out the well as specified in paragraph 2(a) above, the following procedures shall be used to plug or replug wells:

- (1) The operator shall pump expanding cement slurry down the well to form a plug which runs from at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam (or lower if required by the district manager based on his judgment that a lower depth is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well) to the surface. The expanding cement will be placed in the well under a pressure of at least 200 pounds per square inch.

Portland cement or a lightweight cement mixture may be used to fill the area from 100 feet above the top of the uppermost mineable coal seam (or higher if required by the district manager based on his judgment that a higher distance is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well) to the surface.

- (2) The operator shall embed steel turnings or other small magnetic particles in the top of the cement near the surface to serve as a permanent magnetic monument of the well. In the alternative, a 4-inch or larger casing, set in cement, shall extend at least 36 inches above the ground level with the API well number engraved or welded on the casing. When the hole cannot be marked with a physical monument (i.e. prime farmland), high-resolution GPS coordinates (one-half meter resolution) are required.

c. MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING OIL AND GAS WELLS FOR USE AS DEGASIFICATION WELLS

After completely cleaning out the well as specified in paragraph 2(a) above, the following procedures shall be utilized when plugging or replugging wells that are to be used as degasification wells:

- (1) The operator shall set a cement plug in the well by pumping an expanding cement slurry down the tubing to provide at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) of expanding cement below the lowest mineable coal seam, unless the district manager requires a greater depth based on his judgment that a greater depth is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well. The expanding cement will be placed in the well under a pressure of at least 200 pounds per square inch. The top of the expanding cement shall extend at least 50 feet above the top of the coal seam being mined, unless the district manager requires a greater distance based on his judgment that a greater distance is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well.
- (2) The operator shall securely grout into the bedrock of the upper portion of the degasification well a suitable casing in order to protect it. The remainder of this well may be cased or uncased.

- (3) The operator shall fit the top of the degasification casing with a wellhead equipped as required by the district manager in the approved ventilation plan.
- (4) Such equipment may include check valves, shut-in valves, sampling ports, flame arrestor equipment, and security fencing.
- (5) Operation of the degasification well shall be addressed in the approved ventilation plan. This may include periodic tests of methane levels and limits on the minimum methane concentrations that may be extracted.
- (6) After the area of the coal mine that is degassed by a well is sealed or the coal mine is abandoned, the operator must plug all degas wells using the following procedures:
  - (i) The operator shall insert a tube to the bottom of the well or, if not possible, to within 100 feet above the coal seam being mined. Any blockage must be removed to ensure that the tube can be inserted to this depth.
  - (ii) The operator shall set a cement plug in the well by pumping Portland cement or a lightweight cement mixture down the tubing until the well is filled to the surface.
  - (iii) The operator shall embed steel turnings or other small magnetic particles in the top of the cement near the surface to serve as a permanent magnetic monument of the well. In the alternative, a 4-inch or larger casing, set in cement, shall extend at least 36 inches above the ground level with the API well number engraved or welded on the casing.

d. MANDATORY ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PREPARING AND PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING OIL OR GAS WELLS

The following provisions apply to all wells which the operator determines, and the MSHA district manager agrees, cannot be completely cleaned out due to damage to the well caused by subsidence, caving or other factors.

- (1) The operator shall drill a hole adjacent and parallel to the well, to a depth of at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the lowest mineable coal seam, unless the district manager requires a greater depth based on his judgment that a greater depth is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well.
- (2) The operator shall use a geophysical sensing device to locate any casing which may remain in the well.

- (3) If the well contains casing(s), the operator shall drill into the well from the parallel hole. All casings shall be perforated or ripped to permit the injection of cement into voids within and around the well. The operator shall ensure that work performed prior to the date of this order to perforate or rip all casing remaining at mineable coal seam levels is consistent with either Appendix A or Appendix B (attached). All work performed after the date of this order to perforate or rip all casing remaining at mineable coal seam levels shall be consistent with Appendix A. Perforations or rips consistent with Appendix A or Appendix B, as applicable by the date of this order, are required at least every 50 feet from at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam up to 100 feet above the seam being mined, unless the district manager requires a greater distance based on his judgment that a greater distance is required due to the geological strata, or due to the pressure within the well. The operator shall fill the annulus between the casings and between the casings and the well wall with expanding (minimum 0.5% expansion upon setting) cement, and shall ensure that these areas contain no voids. If the operator, using a casing bond log, can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the district manager that the annulus of the well is adequately sealed with cement, then the operator will not be required to perforate or rip the casing for that particular well, or fill these areas with cement. When multiple casing and tubing strings are present in the coal horizon(s), any casing which remains shall be ripped or perforated and filled with expanding cement as indicated above. An acceptable casing bond log for each casing and tubing string is needed if used in lieu of ripping or perforating multiple strings.
- (4) Where the operator determines, and the district manager agrees, that there is insufficient casing in the well to allow the method outlined in subparagraph (d)(3) to be used, then the operator shall use a horizontal hydraulic fracturing technique to intercept the original well. From at least 200 feet (400 feet if the total well depth is 4,000 feet or greater) below the base of the lowest mineable coal seam to a point at least 50 feet above the seam being mined, the operator shall fracture in at least six places at intervals to be agreed upon by the operator and the district manager after considering the geological strata and the pressure within the well. The operator shall then pump expanding cement into the fractured well in sufficient quantities and in a manner which fills all intercepted voids.
- (5) The operator shall prepare down-hole logs for each well. They shall consist of a caliper survey and log(s) suitable for determining the top, bottom, and thickness of all coal seams and potential hydrocarbon producing strata and the location for the bridge plug. The operator may obtain logs from the adjacent hole rather than the well if the condition of the well makes its impractical to insert the equipment necessary to obtain the log. The district manager may approve the use of a down-hole camera survey in lieu of down-hole logs if in his judgment such logs would not be suitable for obtaining the above-listed data or are



impractical to obtain due to the condition of the drill hole. A journal shall be maintained describing the depth of each material encountered, the nature of each material encountered; bit size and type used to drill each portion of the hole; length and type of each material used to plug the well; length of casing(s) removed, perforated or ripped or left in place; and other pertinent information concerning sealing the well. Invoices, work-orders, and other records relating to all work on the well shall be maintained as part of this journal and provided to MSHA upon request.

- (6) After the operator has plugged the well as described in subparagraphs (d)(3) and/or (d)(4), the operator shall plug the adjacent hole, from the bottom to the surface, with Portland cement or a lightweight cement mixture. The operator shall embed steel turnings or other small magnetic particles in the top of the cement near the surface to serve as a permanent magnetic monument of the well. In the alternative, a 4-inch or larger casing, set in cement, shall extend at least 36 inches above the ground level.

A combination of the methods outlined in subparagraphs (d)(3) and (d)(4) may have to be used in a single well, depending upon the conditions of the hole and the presences of casings. The operator and the district manager should discuss the nature of each hole. The district manager may require that more than one method be utilized. The mine operator may submit an alternative plan to the district manager for approval to use different methods to address wells that cannot be completely cleaned out.

The district manager may require additional documentation and certification by a registered petroleum engineer to support the proposed alternative methods.

3. **MANDATORY PROCEDURES WHEN MINING WITHIN 100-FOOT DIAMETER BARRIER AROUND WELL**

- a. A representative of the operator, a representative of the miners, the appropriate State agency, or the MSHA district manager may request that a conference be conducted prior to intersecting any plugged or replugged well. Upon receipt of any such request, the district manager shall schedule such a conference. The party requesting the conference shall notify all other parties listed above within a reasonable time prior to the conference to provide opportunity for participation. The purpose of the conference shall be to review, evaluate, and accommodate any abnormal or unusual circumstance(s) related to the condition of the well or surrounding strata when such conditions are encountered.
- b. The operator shall intersect a well on a shift approved by the district manager. The operator shall notify the district manager and the miners' representative in sufficient time prior to intersecting a well in order to provide an opportunity to have the representatives present.

- c. When using continuous mining methods, the operator shall install drivage sights at the last open crosscut near the place to be mined to ensure intersection of the well. The drivage sites shall not be more than 50 feet from the well. When using the longwall-mining methods, distance markers shall be installed on 5-foot centers for a distance of 50 feet in advance of the well in the headgate entry and in the tailgate entry.
- d. The operator shall ensure that fire-fighting equipment including fire extinguishers, rock dust, and sufficient fire hose to reach the working face area of the well intersection (when either the conventional or continuous mining method is used) is available and operable during all well intersections. The fire hose shall be located in the last open crosscut of the entry or room. The operator shall maintain the water line to the belt conveyor tailpiece along with a sufficient amount of fire hose to reach the farthest point of penetration on the section. When the longwall mining method is used, a hose to the longwall water supply is sufficient.
- e. The operator shall ensure that sufficient supplies of roof support and ventilation materials shall be available and located at the last open crosscut. In addition, emergency plugs and suitable sealing materials shall be available in the immediate area of the well intersection.
- f. On the shift prior to intersecting the well, the operator shall service all equipment and check it for permissibility. Water sprays, water pressures and water flow rates used for dust and spark suppression shall be examined and any deficiencies corrected.
- g. The operator shall calibrate the methane monitor(s) on the longwall, continuous mining machine, or cutting machine and loading machine on the shift prior to intersecting the well.
- h. When mining is in progress, the operator shall perform tests for methane with a handheld methane detector at least every 10 minutes from the time that mining with the continuous mining machine or longwall face is within 30 feet of the well until the well is intersected. During the actual cutting process, no individual shall be allowed on the return side until the well intersection has been completed, and the area has been examined and declared safe. All workplace examinations on the return side of the shearer will be conducted while the shearer is idle.
- i. When using continuous or conventional mining methods, the working place shall be free from accumulations of coal dust and coal spillages, and rock dust shall be placed on the roof, rib, and floor to within 20 feet of the face when intersecting the well. On longwall sections, rock dusting shall be conducted and placed on the roof, rib, and floor up to both the headgate and tailgate gob.
- j. When the well is intersected, the operator shall de-energize all equipment, and thoroughly examine and determine the area is safe before mining is resumed.

- k. After a well has been intersected and the working place determined to be safe, mining shall continue in by the well a sufficient distance to permit adequate ventilation around the area of the well.
- l. If the casing is cut or milled at the coal seam level, the use of torches should not be necessary. However, in rare instances, torches may be used for inadequately or inaccurately cut or milled casings.

No open flame shall be permitted in the area until adequate ventilation has been established around the well bore and methane levels of less than 1.0% are present in all areas that will be exposed to flames and sparks from the torch. The operator shall apply a thick layer of rock dust to the roof, face, floor, ribs and any exposed coal within 20 feet of the casing prior to the use of torches.

- m. Non-sparking (brass) tools will be located on the working section and will be used to expose and examine cased wells.
- n. No person shall be permitted in the area of the well intersection except those actually engaged in the operation, including company personnel, representatives of the miners, personnel from MSHA, and personnel from the appropriate State agency.
- o. The operator shall alert all personnel in the mine to the planned intersection of the well prior to their going underground if the planned intersection is to occur during their shift. This warning shall be repeated for all shifts until the well has been mined through.
- p. The well intersection shall be under the direct supervision of a certified individual. Instructions concerning the well intersection shall be issued only by the certified individual in charge.
- q. The provisions of this Order do not impair the authority of representatives of MSHA to interrupt or halt the well intersection, and to issue a withdrawal order, when they deem it necessary for the safety of the miners. MSHA may order an interruption or cessation of the well intersection and/or a withdrawal of personnel by issuing either a verbal or a written order to that effect to a representative of the operator, which order shall include the basis for the order. Operations in the affected area of the mine may not resume until a representative of MSHA permits resumption. The mine operator and miners shall comply with verbal or written MSHA orders immediately. All verbal orders shall be committed to writing within a reasonable time as conditions permit.
- r. A copy of this Order shall be maintained at the mine and be available to the miners.
- s. Within 30 days after this Order becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved 30 CFR Part 48 training plan to the district manager. These proposed revisions shall include initial and refresher training regarding compliance with the terms and conditions stated in the Order. The operator shall provide all

miners involved in the well intersection with training regarding the requirements of this Order prior to mining within 150 feet of the next well intended to be mined through.

- t. The responsible person required under 30 C.F.R. § 75.1501 is responsible for well intersection emergencies. The well intersection procedures should be reviewed by the responsible person prior to any planned intersection.
- u. Within 30 days after this Order becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved mine emergency evacuation and firefighting program of instruction required under 30 C.F.R. § 75.1502. The operator will revise the program of instruction to include the hazards and evacuation procedures to be used for well intersections. All underground miners will be trained in this revised plan within 30 days of submittal.



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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

47-005-30304  
Well No. 2  
Plugged 2/24/58

AFFIDAVIT OF PLUGGING AND FILLING WELL

AFFIDAVIT SHOULD BE MADE IN TRIPPLICATE, ONE COPY MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT, ONE COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE WELL OPERATOR AND THE THIRD COPY (AND EXTRA COPIES IF REQUIRED) SHOULD BE MAILED TO EACH COAL OPERATOR AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES.

Coal Operator or Owner: Box 2058 - Charleston 27, W. Va.  
 Address: Box 144 - Charleston 27, W. Va.  
 Name of Well Operator: The Pure Oil Company  
 Complete Address: Box 551 - Newark, Ohio  
 Date: MAR 3 1958  
 Well and Location: Sherman District  
Boone County  
 Well No. 2  
 Farm: L. M. LaFollette  
 State Inspector Supervising Plugging: James H. Paok

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, )  
 County of Letcher ) ss:  
 I, Stanley M. Rubin and Homer Groves  
 being first duly sworn according to law depose and say that they are experienced in the work of  
 plugging and filling oil and gas wells and were employed by The Pure Oil Company  
 as operators, and participated in the work of plugging and filling the above well, that said work  
 commenced on the 30th day of January, 1958, and that the well was plugged  
 in the following manner:

DIRECTION	DIRECTION	FILLING MATERIAL		PLUGS USED	CASINGS	
		CONTENT	FROM TO		SIZE & KIND	COG PULLED
2-1/2" csg.	approximately 2150'	and pulled from hole.				
			2150 2140			
	Cement		2140 2130	10' cement		
	Clay		2130 2030			
	Clay	approximately 1995'	and pulled from hole.			
			2030 1995		1995'	20'
	Cement		1995 1985	10' cement		
	Clay		1775 1765			
	Cement		1765 1590	10' cement		
			1590 1420			
	Clay	filled and plugged.			1380'	0
	Cement		1110 1100	10' cement		
			795 695			
	Cement		60 152			
	Cement		610 695			
DESCRIPTION OF MONUMENT						
10-3/4" csg. imbedded below surface and protruding above surface 36" high filled w/ cement w/ metal plate on top stencilled POCO LAFOLLETTE 2.						

and that the work of plugging and filling said well was complete on the 24th day of February, 1958  
 and further deponents saith not.

Stanley M. Rubin  
Homer Groves  
James H. Paok  
 Notary Public.  
 Permit No. D00-304

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	<u>CONTENT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FLUIDS USED</u>	<u>CSG. PULLED</u>	<u>CSG. LEFT IN</u>
	Cement	675	610	57' cement		
1000	1000 yds. of hole was filled and plugged.				583'	0
1000	Cement	610	153			
1000	Cement	153	60	99' cement		
	Clay	60	0			

no loss in hole, not pulled.

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INSPECTOR'S PLUGGING REPORT

3104

Well No. 2

Oil Company ADDRESS Box 551  
Ma. J. Pollette DISTRICT Sherman COUNTY Boone

Prod. Cement - Clay

Location		Amount	Packer	Location		
Casing Depth Placed		Bridges		Casing and Tubing		
WIRELINE	WOOD-SIZE	LEAD	CONSTRUCTION-LOCATION	RECOVERED	SIZE	LOST
				2100'	2"	546'
				1995'	7"	20'

Homer Groves

Everett McCormick

Set of tubing at 2100'; bridged on top of tubing; 10 ft. of clay  
of parted tubing; 2 bags cement and filled to 2080'; clay 2080'-  
led 1995' of 7" casing; cement 1995'-1985'; bridged hole at  
1590'-1590'; cement 1590'-1580'; bridged at 1410'; clay 1410'-  
of casing.

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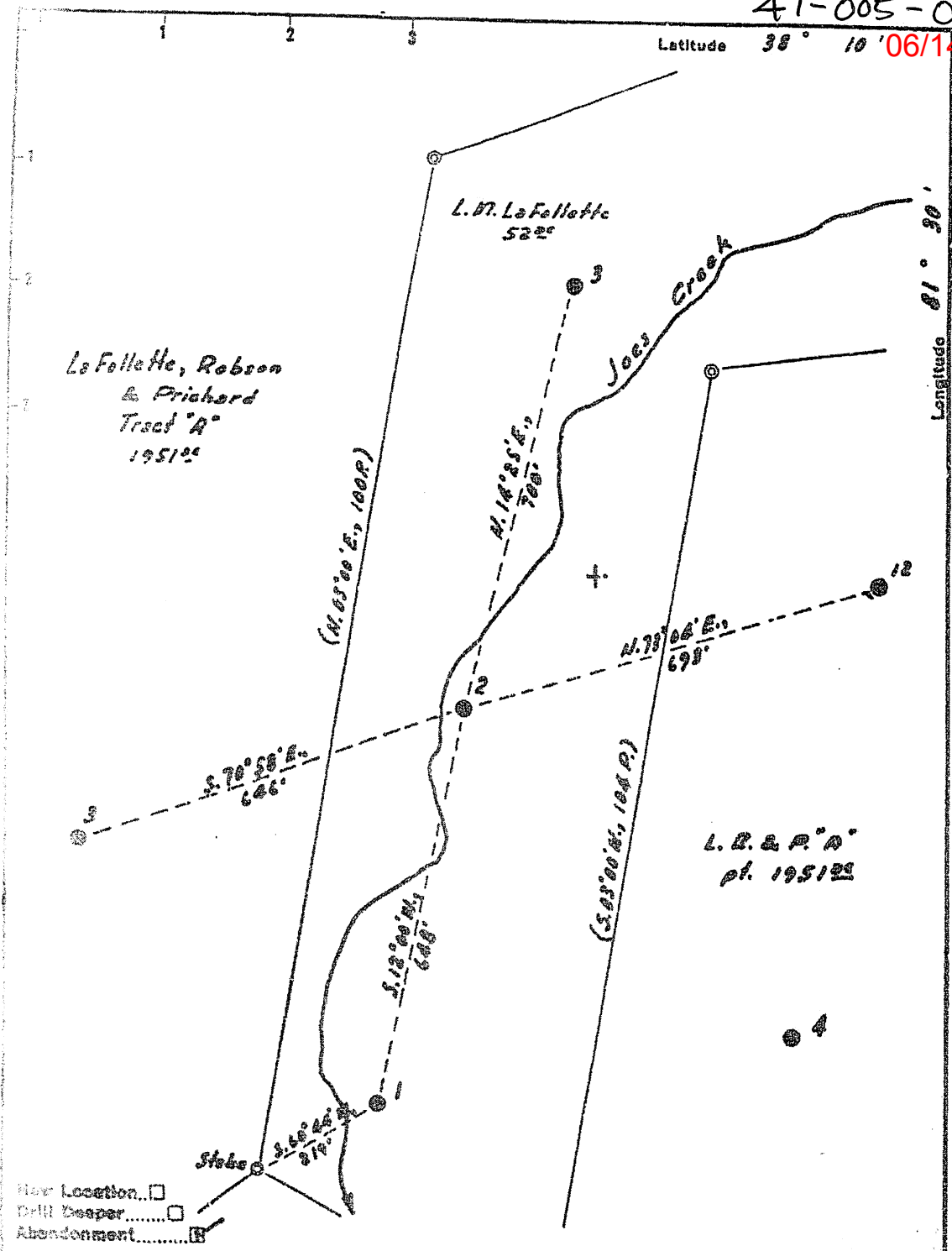
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I hereby certify I visited the above well on this date.

*W. Pack*





Company	Pure Oil Co.	
Address	Newark, Ohio	
Farm	L. M. LaFollette	
Tract	Acreage 52	Lease No. 268
Well (Farm) No.	2	Serial No. 517
Elevation (Spirit Level)	1806	
Quadrangle	Payfane	
County	Boone	District Sherman
Engineer	J. B. Hunter	
Engineer's Registration No.	Ohio-2912	
File No.	Drawing No.	
Date 8/6/57	Scale 1" = 200'	

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**WELL LOCATION MAP**  
 FILE NO. B00-304-A

+ Denotes location of well on United States Topographic Maps, scale 1 to 62,500, latitude and longitude lines being represented by border lines as shown.

- Denotes one inch spaces on border line of original tracing.





STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Quadrangle Permit No. 300-304

WELL RECORD

Oil or Gas Well W. I. (KIND)

Company: The Pure Oil Company
Address: P. O. Box 551 Newark, Ohio
Farm: L. M. LaFollette, Robert B. LaFollette & James A. LaFollette
Location: James Creek
Well No: 2 Elev: 1006'
District: Sherman County: Boone
Mineral Rights are owned by: Same
Drilling commenced: 7-8-19
Date: 12/1/19 To 1/7/25
Open Flow: 10ths Water In. 10ths Merc. In.
Volume: Cu. Ft.
Rock: lbs. hrs.
Oil: 167 bbls. 1st 24 hrs.
WELL COILED
WELL FRACTURED

Table with columns: Casing and Tubing, Used in Drilling, Left in Well, Packers. Includes entries for 16", 14", 10", 8", 6" tubing and 5 1/2" Anchor packers.

2" tubing cemented w/ 40 sbs by Halliburton. CASING CEMENTED. SIZE No. Ft. Date
COAL WAS ENCOUNTERED AT 80 FEET 24 INCHES
120 FEET 36 INCHES 660 FEET 60 INCHES
FEET INCHES FEET INCHES

RESULTS AFTER TREATMENT
ROCK PRESSURE AFTER TREATMENT
Fresh Salt Water 1212' Feet 1670-80

Geological log table with columns: Formation, Color, Hard or Soft, Top, Bottom, Oil, Gas or Water, Depth, Remarks. Lists formations from Soil to Lime with depths from 0 to 1030 feet.





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Color	Hard or Soft	Top	Bottom	Oil, Gas or Water	Depth Found	Remarks
gray		1030	1130			
white		1130	1355	Water	1212'	Hole full
black		1355	1445			
white		1445	1480			
black		1480	1495			
white		1495	1550			
gray		1550	1610	Water	1670-80	
blue		1735	1750			
red		1750	1760			
white		1760	1770			
brown		1770	1800			
red		1800	1830			
blue		1830	1880			
black		1880	1905			
black		1905	1940			
white		1940	1955			
black		1955	1980			
black		1980	2015			
white		2015	2225			
red		2225	2235			
black		2235	2421			
white		2421	2475	Gas	2426-32	
black		2475	2640			
gray		2640	2680	Gas	2659-80	
black		2680	2681	Oil	2666-80	
			2681			
			2685			

... been lowered 2' & all measurements should be made accordingly.

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Date March 12, 1957, 19\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED THE PURE OIL COMPANY, Owner  
By Guy J. Andersen  
(Title)  
Division Superintendent

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Select County: **(005) Boone**  (Check All)

Select datatypes:  Location  Production  Plugging  Bore Hole Loc

Enter Permit #: **30304**  Owner/Completion  Stratigraphy  Sample

Pay/Show/Water  Logs

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- [WVGES Main](#)
- [Pipeline-Plus](#) **New**

Well: County = 5 Permit = 30304

Report Time: Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:29:49 AM

Geological & Economic Survey:  
 cation Information: [View Map](#)  
 COUNTY PERMIT TAX DISTRICT QUAD 75 QUAD 16 LAT\_DD LON\_DD UTIME UTMN  
 00550304 Boone 30304 Sherman Sylvester Peyona 38.10295 -81.550315 451751.3 4217380.6

here is no Bottom Hole Location data for this well

Owner Information:

CMP_DT	SURFIX	STATUS	SURFACE_OWNER	WELL_NUM	CO_NUM	LEASE_NUM	MINERAL_OWN	OPERATOR_AT_COMPLETION	PROP_VD	PROP_TRGT_FM	TRM_EST_PR
00550304	12/4/1919	Original Loc	Completed L M Lafollette et al	2	517	248	L M Lafollette et al	Pure Oil Company			
00550304	1/7/1925	Worked Over	Completed L M Lafollette et al	2	517		L M Lafollette et al	Pure Oil Company			

Completion Information:

CMP_DT	SPUD_DT	FIELD	DEEPRES_FR	DEEPEST_FHT	INITIAL_CLASS	FINAL_CLASS	TYPE	RIG	CMP_MTHD	TVD	TMD_NEW	FTG_KOD	G_BEF	G_AFT	O_BEF	O_AFT	NGL_BEF	NGL_AFT	P_BEF	P_AFT	TI_BEF	TI_AFT	BH_P_BEF	BH_P_AFT	Q_MSRD_B
00550304	12/4/1919	1006 Ground Level	Chhn Ck	UDev	undf/BerLshJRN	Berea Ss	Development Well	Oil and Gas	Cable Tool	2685	2685	2685	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157
00550304	1/7/1925	-/-	1006 Ground Level	Chhn Ck	UDev	undf/BerLshJRN	Berea Ss	Development Well	Development Well	2695	2695	2695	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157

Pay/Show/Water Information:

CMP_DT	ACTIVITY	PRODUCT	SECTION	DEPTH_TOP	FM_TOP	DEPTH_BOT	FM_BOT	G_BEF	G_AFT	O_BEF	O_AFT	WATER_QNTY
00550304	12/4/1919	Water	Salt Water	1570	Maxton	1212	Salt Sands (undfr)	0	0	0	0	
00550304	12/4/1919	Water	Salt Water	2425	Well	2432	Well	0	0	0	0	
00550304	12/4/1919	Pay	Oil & Gas	2564	Berea Ss	2579	Berea Ss	0	0	0	0	
00550304	1/7/1925	Pay	Oil & Gas	2566	Berea Ss	2566	Berea Ss	0	0	0	0	
00550304	12/4/1919	Pay	Gas	2559	Berea Ss	2559	Berea Ss	0	0	0	0	

here is no Production Gas data for this well

here is no Production Oil data for this well \*\* some operators may have reported NGL under Oil

here is no Production NGL data for this well \*\* some operators may have reported NGL under Oil

here is no Production Water data for this well

Stratigraphy Information:

SURFIX	FM	FM_QUALITY	DEPTH_TOP	DEPTH_QUALITY	THICKNESS	THICKNESS_QUALITY	ELEV DATUM
00550304	Original Loc	undf/Identified coal	80	Reasonable	2	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	undf/Identified coal	120	Reasonable	3	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	undf/Identified coal	650	Reasonable	5	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Grandpas Sand	920	Reasonable	90	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Salt Sands (undfr)	1130	Reasonable	225	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Maxton	1810	Reasonable	125	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Maxton	1850	Reasonable	25	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Parad Cave	1980	Reasonable	42	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Big Lime	2015	Reasonable	210	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Well Record	2225	Reasonable	10	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Well Record	2421	Reasonable	54	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level
00550304	Original Loc	Berea Ss	2540	Reasonable	40	Reasonable	1006 Ground Level

here is no Wireline (E-Log) data for this well

Logging Information:

RIG_DT	DEPTH_PBT
00550304	2247/1556

here is no Sample data for this well



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- 1.) Date: 01/31/19
- 2.) Operator's Well Number  
Well No. 2
- 3.) API Well No.:  
47-005-30304

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PLUG AND ABANDON A WELL**

<p>4) Surface Owner(s) to be served: <u>IS ALSO OPERATOR</u></p> <p>(a) Name <u>Panther Creek Mining, LLC</u>          Address <u>3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180</u>  <u>Lexington, KY 40509</u></p> <p>(b) Name _____          Address _____</p> <p>(c) Name _____          Address _____</p> <p>6) Inspector <u>Jeff Smith</u>          Address <u>5369 Big Tyler Road</u>  <u>Cross Lanes, WV 25313</u>          Telephone <u>681-313-6743</u></p>	<p>5) (a) Coal Operator          Name <u>Panther Creek Mining, LLC</u>          Address <u>3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180</u>  <u>Lexington, KY 40509</u></p> <p>(b) Coal Owner(s) with Declaration          Name <u>LaFollette (Gaddy Engineering)</u>          Address <u>303 West Washington St.</u>  <u>Charleston, WV 25302</u></p> <p>Name _____          Address _____</p> <p>(c) Coal Lessee with Declaration          Name <u>Panther Creek Mining, LLC</u>          Address <u>3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180</u>  <u>Lexington, KY 40509</u></p>
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**TO THE PERSONS NAMED ABOVE:** You should have received this Form and the following documents:

- (1) The application to Plug and Abandon a Well on Form WW-4B, which sets out the parties involved in the work and describes the well its and the plugging work order; and
- (2) The plat (surveyor's map) showing the well location on Form WW-6.

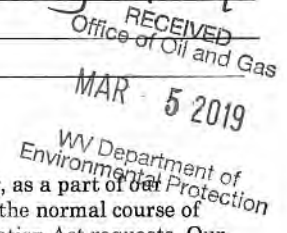
The reason you received these documents is that you have rights regarding the application which are summarized in the instructions on the reverses side. However, you are not required to take any action at all.

Take notice that under Chapter 22-6 of the West Virginia Code, the undersigned well operator proposes to file or has filed this Notice and Application and accompanying documents for a permit to plug and abandon a well with the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, with respect to the well at the location described on the attached Application and depicted on the attached Form WW-6. Copies of this Notice, the Application, and the plat have been mailed by registered or certified mail or delivered by hand to the person(s) named above (or by publication in certain circumstances) on or before the day of mailing or delivery to the Chief.



Well Operator Panther Creek Mining, LLC  
 By: Gary Acord *[Signature]*  
 Its: Agent  
 Address P.O. Box 99  
Dawes, WV. 25054  
 Telephone 681-221-8100 ext. 8847

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019  
Alyssa N. Romeo  
 My Commission Expires 2/6/23



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WW-4B

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API No. 47-005-30304

Farm Name LaFollette, Robson & Prichard Tract A

Well No. 2

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This notice and application is given to you in order that your respective representatives may be present at the plugging and filling of said well. You are further notified that whether you are represented or not the operator will proceed to plug and fill said well in the manner required by Section 24, Article 6, Chapter 22 of the Code and given in detail on obverse side of this application.

NOTE: If you wish this well to be plugged according to 22-6-24(d) then as per Regulation 35CSR4-13.9 you must complete and return to this office on form OB-16 "Request by Coal Operator, Owner, or Lessee for plugging" prior to the issuance of this plugging permit.

### WAIVER

The undersigned coal operator  X  / owner   / lessee  X  / of the coal under this well location has examined this proposed plugging work order. The undersigned has no objection to the work proposed to be done at this location, provided, the well operator has complied with all applicable requirements of the West Virginia Code and the governing regulations.

Date: 3.07.19

Panther Creek Mining, LLC

By: GARY E. ACORD

Its: AGENT/ENGR

*Gary E. Acord*

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Date: 2/27/19

By: LaFollette  
Justin M. Lane  
Its Land Manager

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WW-9  
(4/16)

API Number 47 - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Operator's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

FLUIDS/ CUTTINGS DISPOSAL & RECLAMATION PLAN

Operator Name Blackhawk Mining, LLC OP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Watershed (HUC 10) Joe's Creek of Big Coal River Quadrangle Sylvester

Do you anticipate using more than 5,000 bbls of water to complete the proposed well work? Yes  No

Will a pit be used? Yes  No

If so, please describe anticipated pit waste: Cement and Cuttings

Will a synthetic liner be used in the pit? Yes  No  If so, what ml.? 20

Proposed Disposal Method For Treated Pit Wastes:

- Land Application
- Underground Injection ( UIC Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Reuse (at API Number \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Off Site Disposal (Supply form WW-9 for disposal location)
- Other (Explain \_\_\_\_\_ )

Will closed loop system be used? If so, describe: No

Drilling medium anticipated for this well (vertical and horizontal)? Air, freshwater, oil based, etc. Fresh water

-If oil based, what type? Synthetic, petroleum, etc.

Additives to be used in drilling medium? None

Drill cuttings disposal method? Leave in pit, landfill, removed offsite, etc. Leave in pit

-If left in pit and plan to solidify what medium will be used? (cement, lime, sawdust) Cement and cuttings

-Landfill or offsite name/permit number? \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee shall provide written notice to the Office of Oil and Gas of any load of drill cuttings or associated waste rejected at any West Virginia solid waste facility. The notice shall be provided within 24 hours of rejection and the permittee shall also disclose where it was properly disposed.

I certify that I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the GENERAL WATER POLLUTION PERMIT issued on August 1, 2005, by the Office of Oil and Gas of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. I understand that the provisions of the permit are enforceable by law. Violations of any term or condition of the general permit and/or other applicable law or regulation can lead to enforcement action.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted on this application form and all attachments thereto and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment.

Company Official Signature *Gary E. Acord*

Company Official (Typed Name) GARY E. ACORD

Company Official Title ENV. ENGINEER / AGENT

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Alyssa N. Romeo

My commission expires 2/6/23





Proposed Revegetation Treatment: Acres Disturbed \_\_\_\_\_ Prevegetation pH \_\_\_\_\_

Lime 2 Tons/acre or to correct to pH 6.5

Fertilizer type (10-20-20) or equivalent

Fertilizer amount 500 lbs/acre

Mulch 2 tons or 1000-1500 lbs hydroseed mulch Tons/acre

**Seed Mixtures**

Temporary		Permanent	
Seed Type	lbs/acre	Seed Type	lbs/acre
_____	_____	Fescue	40
_____	_____	Clover	5
_____	_____	Ryegrass	5

**Attach:**

Maps(s) of road, location, pit and proposed area for land application (unless engineered plans including this info have been provided). If water from the pit will be land applied, provide water volume, include dimensions (L, W, D) of the pit, and dimensions (L, W), and area in acres, of the land application area.

Photocopied section of involved 7.5' topographic sheet.

Plan Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeffrey Smith*

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Oil & Gas Inspector

Date: 3-4-19

Field Reviewed?  Yes  No

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GROUNDWATER PROTECTION PLAN

Operator Name: Panther Creek Mining, LLC  
Watershed (HUC 10): Joe's Creek of Big Coal River Quad: Sylvester  
Farm Name: LaFollette

1. List the procedures used for the treatment and discharge of fluids. Include a list of all operations that could contaminate the groundwater.

Re-drilling of plugged liquid injection well (in order to re-plug to 101c standards to mine through the well). Water used during re-drilling is pumped through a pipe and discharged into a lined pit. The pit is designed to hold approximately 150% of the anticipated drilling water. The pit contents (drilling water and cuttings) in the pit will be allowed to solidify and any remaining water will be sampled by a certified lab before the pit is reclaimed. The only water anticipated to be discharged to the pit is the drilling water. Brine water is not expected to be encountered while re-drilling and plugging the well. Water discharged into the pit may be used to mix the cement for re-plugging the well.

2. Describe procedures and equipment used to protect groundwater quality from the list of potential contaminant sources above.

Water used during re-drilling is pumped through a pipe and discharged into a lined pit. The pit is designed to hold approximately 150% of the anticipated drilling water. The pit contents (drilling water and cuttings) in the pit will be allowed to solidify and any remaining water will be sampled by a certified lab before the pit is reclaimed. Straw bales, oil absorption pads, and silt fencing will be available on the mine property in case of spills or contaminations.

3. List the closest water body, distance to closest water body, and distance from closest Well Head Protection Area to the discharge area.

The closest body of water is Joes Creek located approximately 5 ft. away from the well site and anticipated pit.

4. Summarize all activities at your facility that are already regulated for groundwater protection.

Mining operations-storage tanks regulated under two GPP plans.

5. Discuss any existing groundwater quality data for your facility or an adjacent property.

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None for Joes Creek watershed. Adjacent watersheds are sampled bimonthly for the mining operations. The results of the bimonthly samplings are submitted to the WV DEP.

6. Provide a statement that no waste material will be used for deicing or fill material on the property.

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7. Describe the groundwater protection instruction and training to be provided to the employees. Job procedures shall provide direction on how to prevent groundwater contamination.

Each employee and contractor involved in re-plugging the well will be trained on the proper environmental procedures of the job. The pit and area around the pit will be visually examined daily for leaks and tears. If a leak or tear is observed, discharge to the pit will cease until proper repairs can be made to the pit or liner. Drilling equipment will be inspected each day before work begins to ensure there are no fluid leaks. Straw bales, oil absorption pads, and silt fencing will be available on the mine property in case of spills. Any contaminated materials will be properly disposed of in specially marked containers. If there is any remaining water in the pit once plugging is complete, it will be analyzed by a lab before the pit is reclaimed.

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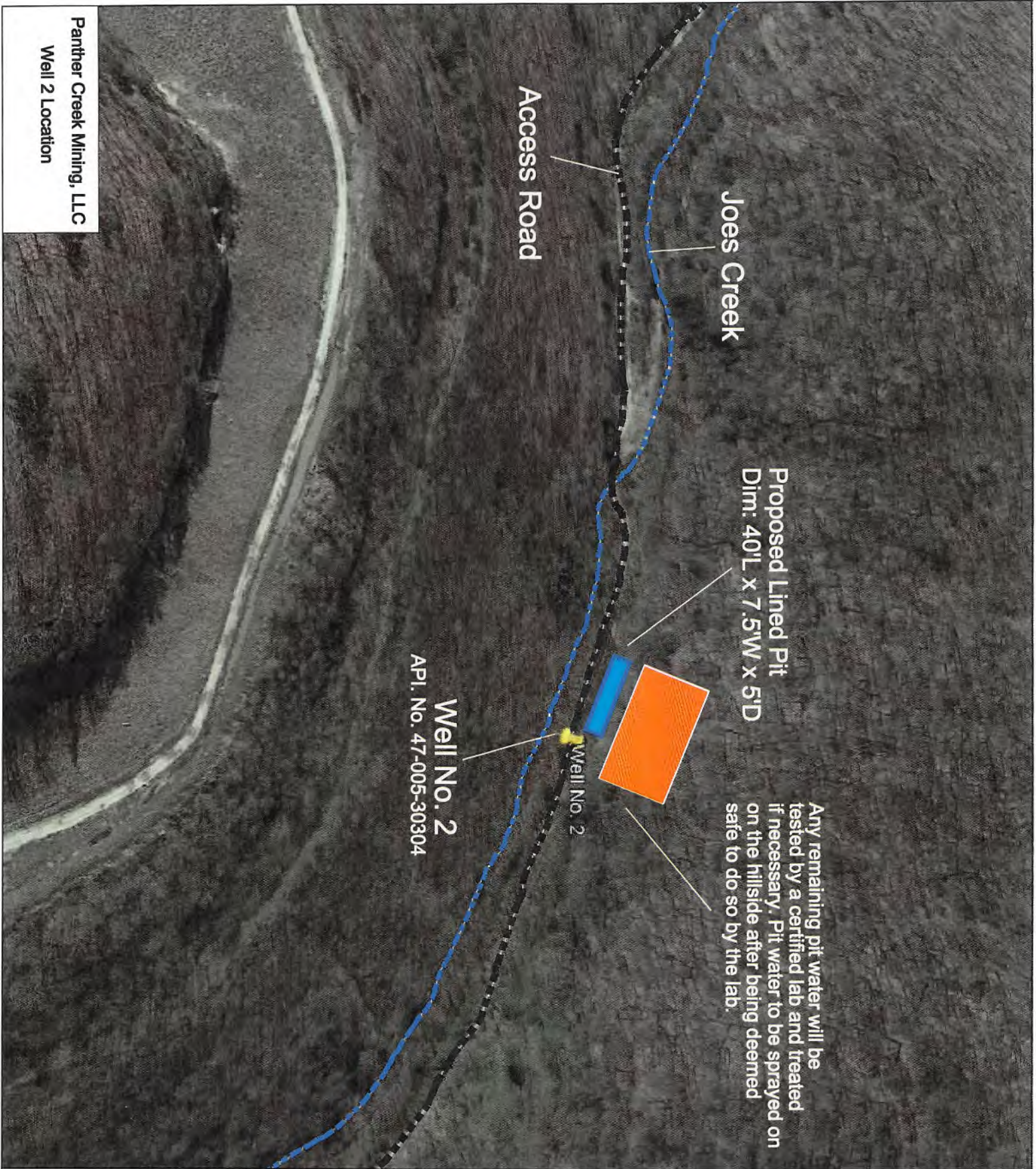
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Signature: George David AGENT, PE

Date: 2-14-19

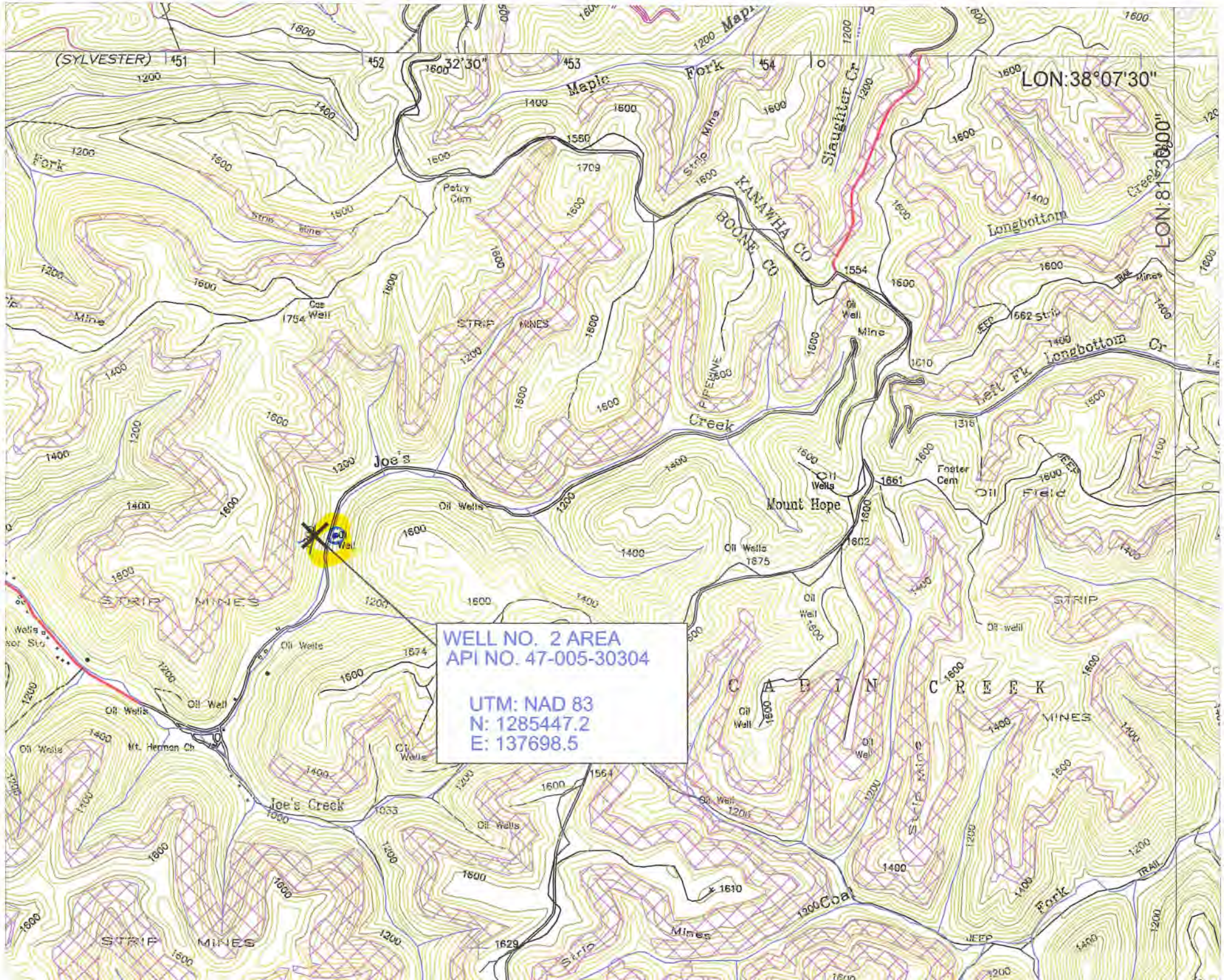




Panther Creek Mining, LLC  
Well 2 Location



47-005-023704



(SYLVESTER) 451

LON: 38° 07' 30"

LON: 81° 30' 00"

WELL NO. 2 AREA  
API NO. 47-005-30304

UTM: NAD 83  
N: 1285447.2  
E: 137698.5





PANTHER CREEK MINING, LLC.  
 AMERICAN EAGLE MINE  
 Well No. 2  
 API No. 47-005-30304  
 Scale: 1"=2000'

SLYVESTER QUADRANGLE  
 WEST VIRGINIA - BOONE CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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**WELL LOCATION FORM: GPS**

API: 47-005-30304 WELL NO.: 2  
FARM NAME: LaFollette  
RESPONSIBLE PARTY NAME: Gary E. Acord  
COUNTY: Boone DISTRICT: Sherman  
QUADRANGLE: Sylvester  
SURFACE OWNER: LaFollette  
ROYALTY OWNER: LaFollette  
UTM GPS NORTHING: 4217346.53 meters (NAD-83 Zone 17N)  
UTM GPS EASTING: 451766.90 meters (NAD-83 Zone 17N)  
GPS ELEVATION: 306.6 m. (1006')

The Responsible Party named above has chosen to submit GPS coordinates in lieu of preparing a new well location plat for a plugging permit or assigned API number on the above well. The Office of Oil and Gas will not accept GPS coordinates that do not meet the following requirements:

- Datum: NAD 1983, Zone: 17 North, Coordinate Units: meters, Altitude: height above mean sea level (MSL) – meters.
- Accuracy to Datum – 3.05 meters
- Data Collection Method:  
Survey grade GPS \_\_\_: Post Processed Differential \_\_\_  
Real-Time Differential \_\_\_  
Mapping Grade GPS X: Post Processed Differential \_\_\_  
Real-Time Differential \_\_\_

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**4. Letter size copy of the topography map showing the well location.**

I the undersigned, hereby certify this data is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and shows all the information required by law and the regulations issued and prescribed by the Office of Oil and Gas.

Gary E. Acord  
Signature

AGENT/ENGINEER  
Title

3-11-19  
Date