



Pennsylvania
**Department of
Environmental Protection**

July 23, 2025

Nick Drumm
Rosebud Mining Company
301 Market Street
Kittanning, PA 16201

Re: Knob Creek Mine Plan to Fuel Diesel Equipment in an Intake Escapeway
Plan No. 6199

Dear Mr. Drumm:

Chapter 4 of the “Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act” (the Act) provides for the use of diesel-powered equipment in underground bituminous coal mines. Section 424 of the act created a Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) for the purpose of advising the Department regarding implementation of Chapter 4 and evaluation of alternative technology or methods for meeting the requirements of Chapter 4.

On July 8, 2025, Rosebud Mining Company submitted a request to the Bureau of Mine Safety requesting approval for fueling diesel equipment in an intake escapeway at the Knob Creek Mine. The DEP Bureau Director requested the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) to review and comment on this request.

On July 9, 2025, the TAC met with you to review the plan and gather information for their recommendation. The TAC recommended approval at the TAC meeting on July 9, 2025, and submitted a written report to the Department on July 14, 2025.

Based on the recommendation of the TAC and the approval staff, your request for approval is granted.

If you have any questions on this request, please contact me at either rwagner@pa.gov or at 724.404.3154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard A. Wagner".

Richard A. Wagner, P.E.
Director

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