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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY

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September 2, 2010

Mr. Dave Kumpar
Alpha Emerald Resources
2071 Garard's Fort Road
Waynesburg, PA 15370

Dear Mr. Kumpar:


This is in response to your letter dated August 11, 2010 requesting temporary approval for underground use of the Rohmac RD 242 Diesel Powered Rockduster at Emerald Mine. The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2010 at which time the final approval for this equipment will be recommended by the TAC.

Temporary approval is granted for this equipment to be used prior to the next scheduled TAC meeting with the understanding that the General Specification Sheet be strictly adhered to. Additional TAC stipulations for approval include:

- The 100 hour maintenance checks as required by Section 416 will include cleaning out the mixing box on the exhaust system and the results recorded on the 100 hour maintenance checklist.
- The operator pre-op checks as required by Section 415 will include a visual check to see if the mixing box fan is operating, free of obstructions or accumulations, and the results recorded on the operator's pre-op checklist. Any necessary cleaning or repairs will be done before the equipment is put into operation.
- The unit must be attended during operation as required in Section 401(b) of the Act.
- The stall test procedure will be posted on the unit and all persons required to perform the 100 hour maintenance checks as required by Section 418 will be trained in how to perform the engine stall.
- The minimum quantities of ventilating air must be maintained at all times during operation as required by Section 404 of the Act.

It is the responsibility of the mine operator to ensure that the final equipment approval tags are installed on this equipment when they are issued after the October 13, 2010 TAC Meeting.

Sincerely,


Joseph A. Scaffoni
Director
Bureau of Mine Safety

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Paul Borchick

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Subject: TAC temporary approval request for Rohmac Model RD 242 Diesel
Powered Rockduster at Emerald Mine

Gentlemen,

Alpha Emerald Resources is requesting temporary approval to use our model no.
RD 242 Diesel Powered Rockduster until such time as the TAC meets and issues final
approval for this machine.

Thank you,



Dave Kumpar
Alpha Emerald Resources

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