

**Informal Conference**

10:00 a.m. August 28, 1007

Application #1004344

Consolidation Coal Company

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

Buchanan- Smith Building (Conf. Room 219)

1. Informal conference opened at 10:05 a.m. by Gavin Bledsoe (DMME, facilitator)
2. Purpose of the meeting – to receive public comments on the phase III bond release application.
3. One person from the public attended – Carl E. McAfee, Esq. on behalf of James & Paula Rife, who objected to the bond release.
4. Other persons present – Regina Holbrook, DMLR Office Services Specialist (serving as conference recorder); Lesa Baker, DMLR Permit Review Specialist; James Lowe, DMLR Area Supervisor; Tom Mackey, DMLR Reclamation Enforcement Inspector; and Gerald Ramsey of Consolidation Coal Company.
5. Attendees were informed of the DMLR decision process –
  - Within 30 days from the close of the conference to approve, disapprove, or require additional information.
  - Permittee and Commenter would be informed in writing of the DMLR’s decision on the application as well as the right to administrative review of such.
6. Comments were received from Mr. McAfee on behalf of his clients – concerned about a potential blow out from underground mine works and slide that may impact the Rife property. The property in question was subject to an ongoing civil suit in Buchanan County with Permac, Inc. Consolidation Coal Company may be made a party to the proceeding per Mr. McAfee. (transcript to be prepared)
7. There being no other persons wishing to submit comments, the conference was closed at 10:20 a.m.