

June 28, 2004

The Dickenson Star
P. O. Box 707
Clintwood, Virginia 24228

Certified Mail Return
Receipt No. 7002 2410 0000 2672 6858

Re: **Legal Notice Publication** – Informal Conference, Paramount Coal Corporation
Permit No. 1101494

Please publish the attached advertisement on Wednesday July 7 and 14, 2004, in the legal notices. If for any reason you are unable to publish on these dates, contact me as soon as possible at (276) 523-8157. Send the billing to:

Gavin Bledsoe
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
P. O. Drawer 900
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Respectfully,

Gavin M. Bledsoe
Legal Services Officer

PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS
Beginning week of July 5, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 45.1
Paramont Coal Corporation
Performance Bond Release - Permit Number 1101494

In accordance with Section 4 VAC 25-130- 800.40(f) and (h) of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), Division of Mined Land Reclamation will hold an informal conference (public hearing) to receive comments concerning the proposed bond release application (#1001938) for Paramont Coal Corporation's Permit No. 1101494. The application requests a release of the permit's remaining performance bond of \$98,800.00 (Phase 3 release). The permit site is located in Dickenson County, approximately 3.0 miles NW of Clintwood, off Route 623 on the Left/Right Fork of Camp Creek.

The informal conference will be a fact-finding proceeding and will be held on July 22, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room 211 of the DMME's Big Stone Gap, Virginia office (3405 Mountain Empire Road). Any person with a valid legal interest that is or may be adversely affected by the bond release application may present oral or written comments during the conference (comments may also be e-mailed to DmlrPublicNotice@dmme.virginia.gov) Comments should be specific as to how the bond release may adversely affect the person.

The Division will render its decision on the application within 30 days of the close of the informal conference.

Additional information regarding the bond release application or informal conference may be obtained by contacting Gavin Bledsoe at (276) 523-8157.
