
Permit No.

CONSENT TO RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A MINE DRAINAGE TREATMENT FACILITY COVERED BY A BOND OR A POST-MINING DISCHARGE TREATMENT TRUST AGREEMENT

Property Owner(s): List everyone with an ownership interest in the property which is the subject of this Agreement.

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____

WHEREAS, the Property Owner(s) own surface property containing _____ acres located in _____ Township, _____ County, Pennsylvania, and described in Deed Book Volume _____, Page _____, in the _____ County Recorder's Office (the Property);

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is authorized to administer and enforce the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, 52 P.S. §§ 1396.1-1396.19a, the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. §§ 691.1-691.1001, and their implementing regulations, including requiring the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities designed to remediate the effects of mine drainage;

WHEREAS, _____ ("*Operator*") conducted surface mining activities on or adjacent to the Property pursuant to Surface Mining Permit No. _____;

WHEREAS, DEP has determined that mine drainage caused by *Operator's* mining activities is discharging from or passing through the Property, and the mine drainage on the Property is causing pollution, or a danger of pollution, to waters of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, *Operator* is required, under the mining law and its surface mining permit, to construct, operate and maintain mine drainage treatment facilities on a portion of the Property (the Treatment Facility Property), for purposes of treating the polluttional discharge(s);

WHEREAS, a map showing the boundaries of the Treatment Facility Property is attached as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, *Operator* has posted a bond with the Department, or has established a trust with a financial institution as an alternative financial assurance mechanism, in order to provide sufficient funds to guarantee *Operator's* legal obligation to operate and maintain the mine drainage treatment facilities on the Property and the *Operator's* obligation for long-term treatment, or abatement, of the post-mining polluttional discharge(s) on the Property;

WHEREAS, to assure compliance with its legal obligations, *Operator* and DEP [*and the Trustee*] must have access to the Treatment Facility Property to conduct and/or oversee the mine drainage treatment activities required by law and the mining permit;

WHEREAS, *Operator and DEP* have requested and the Property Owner(s) is willing to grant *Operator and DEP [and Trustee]* a right of entry into, under, over and upon the Treatment Facility Property to construct, operate and maintain mine drainage treatment facilities;

WHEREAS, the Property Owner(s) acknowledge that treatment of the mine drainage on the Property will provide benefits to the Property Owner and to the Commonwealth through abatement of a nuisance, restoration of land affected by mining operations, and prevention of pollution to waters of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the benefits which the Property Owner(s) and the general public will receive, and with the intention of being legally bound, it is agreed as follows:

1. Right of Entry. The Property Owner(s) hereby grants and conveys to *Operator* and DEP [*and Trustee*], its employees, agents, servants, contractors and subcontractors, a right of entry into, under, over and upon the Treatment Facility Property. This right of entry includes all necessary rights of ingress, egress and regress with all personnel, materials, and equipment needed to perform the discharge treatment activities.

2. Duration of Right of Entry. The term of this Right of Entry shall extend for the length of time necessary to complete the discharge treatment activities in accordance with applicable law. It is specifically understood and agreed that the term of this Right of Entry extends for the length of time necessary to operate and maintain all mine drainage treatment facilities on the Treatment Facility Property, and shall only terminate when such treatment facilities are no longer necessary to remediate or prevent pollution to waters of the Commonwealth.

3. Insurance. DEP will require *Operator* to obtain and keep in force insurance coverage in accordance with the requirements of 25 Pa. Code § 86.168.

4. Property Use. During the term of this Right of Entry, the Property Owner(s) will not, without the written consent of DEP, make any use of the Property which will interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of the mine drainage treatment facilities installed on the Treatment Facility Property.

5. Notification. This Consent to Right of Entry shall be recorded by *Operator* in the _____ County Recorder's Office within thirty days of its execution. In the event that the Property Owner(s) intends to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer any interest in the Property prior to the termination of this Right of Entry, the Property Owners shall advise the prospective owner or lessee of the terms and conditions of this Right of Entry. The Property Owner(s) shall advise DEP, by notifying the Department representative whose signature appears below or his successor, of the intent to sell the Property prior to any sale.

6. Representation of Interests. The Property Owners represent that they are the only persons authorized to grant access to the Treatment Facility Property.

7. Binding on Successors. All the covenants, representations, consents, waivers and agreements contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their heirs, successors and assigns.

For [Operator]	
_____ Name: _____ Title: _____	_____ Witness

For the Department of Environmental Protection:	
_____ Name: _____ Title: _____	_____ Witness

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties set its respective hand and seal, for itself, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, intending to be legally bound, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

The Property Owner(s)
(*Each owner sign and print their name under the signature.*)

Name:

