



## Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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Chris Hainzer  
CME Engineering LP  
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Somerset PA 015501000

RE: ER Project # 2014PR15023.003, RUSTIC RIDGE # 1 UNDERGROUND MINE CMAP # 65131301, Deep Coal Mine, Multi-Municipals, Westmoreland County

Dear Chris Hainzer:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

### **Above Ground Resources**

*No Above Ground Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Above Ground*

The project narrative stated: No surface subsidence nor surface disturbance is proposed in this revision. As long as that is correct and no construction of buildings, structures, parking areas, access roads, etc. are part of this proposed project then the below comment is our response. Thank you for submitting information concerning the above-referenced project. There may be above ground historic properties within the project area of potential effect. However, in our opinion the project as proposed will have no effect on historic properties, should they exist. Should the scope of the project change and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to notify the PA SHPO at [pashare@pa.gov](mailto:pashare@pa.gov) and provide the revised designs for review and comment.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Cheryl Nagle at [chnagle@pa.gov](mailto:chnagle@pa.gov).

### **Archaeological Resources**

*No Archaeological Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Archaeological*

The project narrative stated: No surface subsidence nor surface disturbance is proposed in this revision. As long as that is correct and no construction of buildings, structures, parking areas, access roads, etc. are part of this proposed project then the below comment is our

response. Thank you for submitting information concerning the above-referenced project. Based on the information received and available in our files, in our opinion, the activity described in your proposal should have no effect on archaeological resources. Our analysis indicates that archaeological resources are potentially located in this project area. Should the scope of the project be amended to include surface ground disturbing activity and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to notify the PA SHPO at [pashare@pa.gov](mailto:pashare@pa.gov). A Phase I Archaeological Survey may be necessary to locate all potentially significant archaeological resources.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact Justin McKeel at [jusmckeel@pa.gov](mailto:jusmckeel@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andrea MacDonald  
Director, State Historic Preservation Office