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ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION  
SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

**P A R T   I I I**

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**PART III - OPERATION PLAN**

**A. General Operation Information**

1. Describe the type and method of coal mining procedures and major equipment to be used. (780.11)

1 Track-hoe	1 Blast hole drill	1 Highwall Miner
3 Rock trucks	1 Fuel and service truck	1 Crusher and Screen
3 Dozers	2 Loaders	1 18 cubic yard Dragline

2. Describe the sequence and timing of increments to be mined (as shown on permit map) over the total life of the permit. (780.11)

The sequence and timing will not change due to the addition of a dragline.  
See Attachment III-A-2

The timing increments are as follows:

<u>Increment No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dates</u> <b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
1	36.0	Currently Bonded Incidental Increment	Life of Mine
2	156.0	Currently Bonded	Mining is completed
3	88.0	Currently Bonded	Life of Mine
4	250.0	Currently Bonded	Life of Mine

The sequence of mining operations will be generally as follows:

- 1) Construction of sediment control structures
- 2) Clearing and grubbing
- 3) Topsoil removal, if required
- 4) Overburden drilling and blasting
- 5) Overburden removal
- 6) Coal Recovery
- 7) Grading
- 8) Revegetation

## **OPERATION PLAN**

Burton Mine, P-3753 has mined all of the reserves contained within the current permit boundary. The highwall is currently located at the northern limit of the permit. The operation is currently reclaiming spoil areas and utilizing the coal stockpiling facilities.

A new permit is being prepared to address the mining of the coal reserves north of the existing highwall and south of the Sipsey Road. The operation plan for this application will address the continuation of surface mining from the existing highwall advancing north until the remaining coal reserve is mined. This application will be submitted this summer. Until the new permit is approved McWane, Inc. requests a contemporaneous reclamation waiver for the existing highwall.

See attached [area map](#). A [letter](#) has been submitted to the Director with this request.