

Applicant: <u>Shannon, LLC</u>
Mine Name: <u>Shannon Mine</u>
Permit Number: <u>P-3859/Revision R-17</u>

**III-E 880-X-8E-.06(1)(I)7(j)
HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN**

COMPANY NAME Shannon, LLC

MINE NAME Shannon Mine COUNTY(IES) Jefferson and Tuscaloosa

*A MAP SHOWING ALL MONITORING POINTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PLAN

I. Surface Water Monitoring Program: (Discharge Points)

List each discharge point to be monitored and indicate type or source of discharge	List parameters to be sampled for each discharge point	List frequency of sampling for each discharge point	Duration of Monitoring
Basins: 001, 003 004, 006 012P, 013P 014, 017P 019P, 020P 021, 022 023P, 024P 025P, 026 037, 038 040, 041 048P, 049	PH Iron (Fe) Total Suspended Solids (TSS) **Manganese (Mn)	Twice monthly	Until joint approval by ASMC and ADEM. In no case sooner than ASMC approval of Phase II Bond release.

** Manganese will only be analyzed when require to be in accordance with the NPDES permit. See attached [Hydrologic Monitoring Plan Map](#) for all monitoring site locations.

Note: Performance monitoring to commence no sooner than original opening of mine.

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A. Reporting and Recording Specifications:

a) NPDES outfalls:

Reporting as required by NPDES permit to Alabama Department of Environmental Management plus a simultaneous Notice of Filing to ASMC containing the following:

- 1) Name of Company
- 2) Name of Mine
- 3) ASMC permit number
- 4) NPDES number
- 5) Sampling period covered by report
- 6) List of the discharge points sampled and analysis results

b) Other:

B. Non-Compliant Discharge Reporting:

Reporting as required by the NPDES permit to Alabama Department of Environmental Management plus simultaneous copy (indicating ASMC permit number) to ASMC.

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II. Other Surface Water Monitoring.

Bodies of water receiving discharges from the mine:

List Monitoring Points and indicate type or describe location	List Parameters to be sampled	Frequency	Duration of Monitoring (minimum)
02462765 (downstream on Rockcastle Creek)	Discharge pH Manganese Iron	Quarterly	Life of mine
-2462708 (upstream on Rockcastle Creek)	Total Suspended Solids Specific Conductance		
02462053 (downstream on Mud Creek)			
BCCSMSW-1 (downstream on Blue Creek)			
SW-2 (downstream on Blue Creek)			

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A. Reporting and Recording Specifications:

- 1) Frequency of Reporting: Quarterly

- 2) Contents of Report: Name of company, mine name, ASMC permit number and for all monitoring locations, the dates samples were taken and sample results for each parameter and who collected and analyzed the samples.

III. Monitoring requirements for removal of sediment ponds and other treatment facilities:

Monthly for 6 months prior to application for approval to remove facility. Monitoring data will be submitted to ASMC with application to remove the facility.

Monitoring sites shall be located to sample water entering the facility (i.e., untreated drainage).

Show proposed locations on the [Hydrologic Monitoring Plan Map](#).

Parameters to be samples shall be those required by the NPDES permit.

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IV. A. Monitoring requirements for Phase II bond release:

List Monitoring Sites	Parameters	Sample Frequency	Duration of Monitoring
inflow into the following basins:			
001, 003 004, 006 012P, 013P 014, 017P 019P, 020P 021, 022 022A, 023P 024P, 025P 026P, 037, 037A, 038, 040, 041, 048P, 049	pH Iron (Fe) Total Suspended Solids (TSS) *Manganese	Monthly	No less than parameters monthly for previous 6 months prior to application for Phase II Bond release.**
If no flow to basins during 6 month period:	pH Iron (Fe) Total Suspended Solids (TSS) *Manganese		In pond Sample

** For the Increment within which the respective basin is bonded, or the respective basin's drainage area is located.

B. Reporting:

Reports shall be submitted with application for Phase II Bond Release indicating Sample location number, monitoring period and analysis results and date for each sample, plus sampling and analytical data. A map showing location of the sample sites should be included.

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V. Groundwater Monitoring

List Monitoring Sites and indicate type of site	Parameters	Frequency (minimum)	Duration of Monitoring
MW-11427 (below Jagger Coal Seam)	pH Iron (Fe) Manganese (Mn) Specific Conductance Water level	Quarterly	Life of Mine

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A. Reporting and Recording

Reports to be filed with ASMC quarterly supplying the following information: Company name, mine name, permit number, and for each monitoring site, the date and sample results for each parameter. Include sampling and analytical information for all samples.

VI. Maintenance of records and Availability for Inspection:

- a) Active Mining - copies of all monitoring records shall be maintained at office.
- b) During periods of temporary cessation of operations and after active mining, all monitoring records will be kept at:

Shannon, LLC (Office)

P. O. Box 621 (Address)

Jasper, AL 35502 (City & State)

David Muncher P. E. (Custodian of Records)

- c) All monitoring records will be made available upon request to ASMC Personnel for inspection.

VII. Describe how the data obtained from the performance monitoring may be used to determine the impacts of the operation upon the hydrologic balance. Describe how parameters to be monitored relate to the suitability of the surface and groundwater for current and approved postmining land use.

Surface water sites 02462765, 02462053, -2462708, BCCSMSW-1, and SW-2 are located downstream of mining at the Shannon Mine. Results of analysis as outlined in the monitoring plan can be compared to baseline data to determine impact to the receiving stream once mining begins. Groundwater monitoring sites MW-11427 will monitor the characteristics of the aquifer below the target coal seams. Performance monitoring data will be compared to results of analysis from baseline sampling to determine impact to these aquifers and be compared to predictions made in the PHC.

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VIII. Please NOTE: ALL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS should be submitted in duplicate. For companies with multiple permits, each permit should have a corresponding monitoring report. Sites serving multiple permits should be included in all pertinent monitoring reports.

IX. If a waiver is requested for a particular water-bearing stratum, give details. 880-X-8H-.06-(1)(h)(2)

None proposed.

X. Plans For Recording and Reporting Data (779.13)

Describe how surface and groundwater quantity and quality data will be collected, recorded, and reported to the Regulatory Authority according to Section 816.52.

Surface water samples shall be taken by the 'grab' method. Flowrate measurement of surface water samples shall be according to ASTM D3858 "Standard Practice for Open Channel Flow Measurement of Water by Velocity - Area Method" or other equally valid approved methods. Groundwater samples shall be taken according to Standard Methods 105 "Collection and Preservation of Samples" and 906A "Collection" or other equally valid approved methods. pH of all samples will be measured in the field. The sample will be stored in ice and all other parameters will be analyzed within their allowable holding times as specified by Standard Methods. Practices employed concerning the volume of groundwater extracted at groundwater monitoring sites prior to sampling is outlined as follows: Where recharge of groundwater is sufficient, three well volumes of groundwater (measured from the static depth) are pumped prior to sampling so the sample obtained is from recharge. Where recharge is slow, and three well volumes cannot be obtained within the monitoring cycle (usually monthly), only one well volume will be pumped. The well will then be allowed to recharge and a sample will be obtained after a volume equal to the volume of the pump line has been discharged. In infrequent instances where recharge is very limited, and the volume of water in the well is too small to be pumped to the surface, a 'bottom sampler' is employed to bail as much water as possible from the well. The well will then be allowed to recharge and the bottom sampler will be used to obtain a sample when ample groundwater is present to be collected. Sampling will be recorded and reported to the Regulatory Authority as outlined in Part III-E of this application.