



August 15, 2011

Dr. Randy Johnson, Director
Alabama Surface Mining Commission
P. O. Box 2390
Jasper, AL 35502-2390

RE: **National Coal of Alabama, Inc.**
Poplar Springs North Mine, P-3886, R-6

Dear Dr. Johnson:

National Coal of Alabama, Inc. requests a delay in contemporaneous reclamation for a four portions of Increment No. 3.

The first request is for the southeast end of cuts 3-6 thru 3-10 to be left open for spoiling room for cut 3-13. The southeast ends of these cuts will be left open for less than three months.

The second request is for the south end of cuts 3-31 thru 3-35 to be left open for spoiling room for cut 3-36. The south end of these cuts will be left open for less than three months.

The third request is for the south end of cuts 3-44 thru 3-48 to be left open for spoiling room for cut 3-49. The south end of these cuts will be left open for less than three months.

The fourth request is for the south end of cuts 3-63 thru 3-65 and the northeast end cuts 3-72 thru 3-74 to be left open for spoiling room for cuts 3-71, 4-71 thru 4-75. Cuts 4-71 thru 4-77 are in Inc. 4 and are on property where the surface rights are currently not controlled by National Coal in the SE/NW of Section 7. Cuts 4-71 thru 4-77 will only be mined if the property is obtained.

The cuts to be left open on request number four will be open for no longer than 6 months.

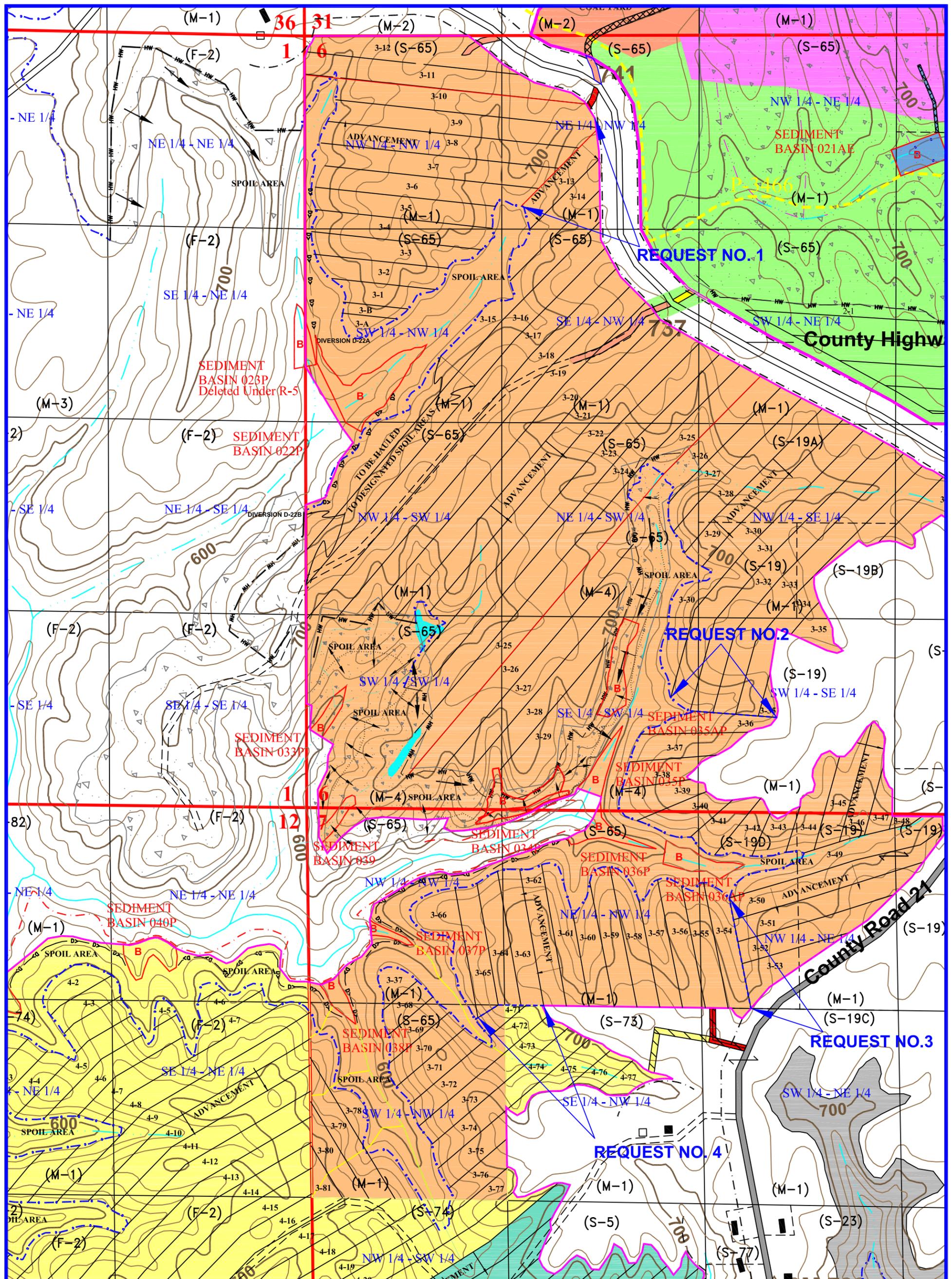
I have attached a portion of the Cut Layout Map for R-6 that shows the area in question. If you have any questions concerning this matter please give me a call.

Sincerely,

MCGEHEE ENGINEERING CORP.

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CONTOUR INTERVAL: 20 FT.



POPLAR SPRINGS NORTH
MINE, P-3886, R-6

Request for Grading Delay



 PERMIT BOUNDARY

FILE: MSP-PSMINE	SCALE: 1" = 600'	JOB NO.: 05-021
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