

III-D and III-E 880-X-8E-.06(1)(i)7(j)

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN

The ADEM permit is not yet issued therefore a 'basic' Monitoring Plan is submitted until the parameters required by EPA are known...

COMPANY NAME Global Met Coal Corp.

MINE NAME Black Creek Mine

COUNTY Jefferson

NPDES#: AL00@@@

*A MAP SHOWING ALL MONITORING POINTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PLAN

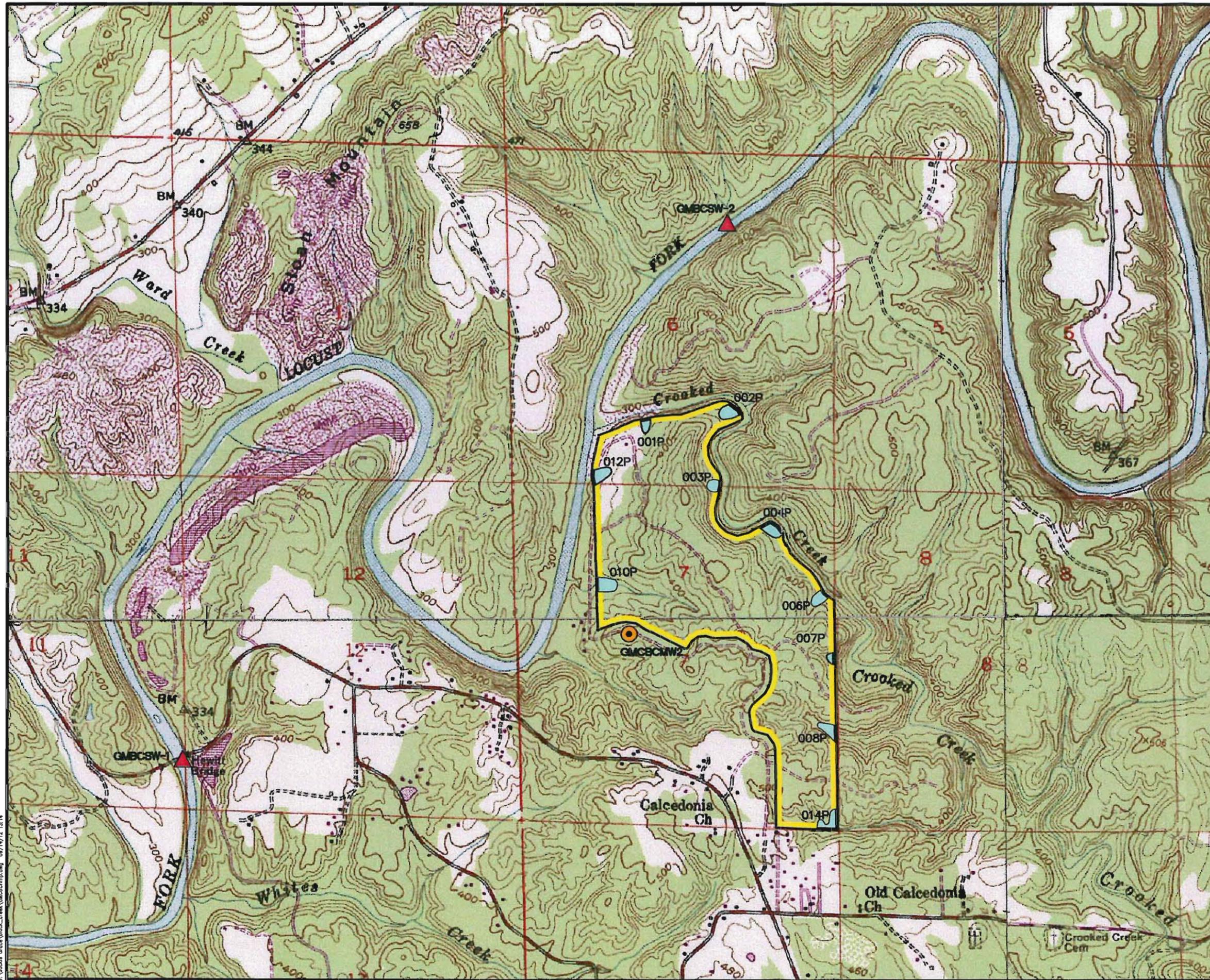
I.Surface Water Monitoring Program: (Discharge Points)

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: 001P 002P 003P 004P 006P 007P 008P 010P 012P 014P	NPDES parameters	Twice monthly	Until joint approval by ASMC and ADEM. In no case sooner than ASMC approval of Phase II Bond re-lease.

If a sample is taken during or within 24-hours after an applicable precipitation event (an increase in discharge volume caused by an applicable 24-hour precipitation event), an exemption for Iron (Total), Manganese (Total) and Total Suspended Solids may be claimed and Settleable Solids, pH and Flow run and reported. The exemption is only applicable if the ADEM "New Source Coal Mine and Associated Discharge Limitations, Conditions and Requirements" are followed.

See attached map for all monitoring site locations.

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



LEGEND

-  Proposed Permit Boundary
-  GMCBCMW2 Groundwater Monitoring Site
-  079P Sediment Basin
-  GMCBSW-1 Surface Water Monitoring Site



I, Timothy S. Thomas, a Registered Professional Engineer, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct map to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Timothy S. Thomas
 Timothy S. Thomas, P.E.
 AL Reg. #18830
 9-14-12
 Date

NOTES:
 - BASE MAP TAKEN FROM THE CREEL AND BROOKSIDE U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLES.
 - PART OF SECTIONS 6 & 7, T15S, R3W, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA.



**Global Met Coal Corp.
 Black Creek Mine
 Hydrologic Monitoring Plan Map**

DRAWN BY: JNG	DATE: 9-14-12
DWG. NAME: GMCBChmp	
APPROVED BY: TST	SCALE: 1"=1500'

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HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

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.

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

II. Other Surface Water Monitoring.

Bodies of water receiving discharges from the mine:

Unnamed tributaries to Cane Creek

List Monitoring Points and indicate type or describe location	List Parameters to be sampled	Frequency (minimum)	Duration of Monitoring
GMBCSW-1 (downstream on Locust Fork)	Discharge pH Manganese Iron Total Suspended Solids Specific Conductance	Quarterly	Life of mine
GMBCSW-2 (upstream on Locust Fork)	Same as Above	Same as Above	Same as Above

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

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 monitoring location map.

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

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

IV.

A. Monitoring requirements for Phase II bond release:

List Monitoring Sites	Parameters	Sample Frequency	Duration of Monitoring
inflow* into the following basins:	NPDES parameters	Monthly	No less than monthly for previous 6 months prior to application for Phase II Bond release.**
001P			
002P			
003P			
004P			
006P			
007P			
008P			
010P			
012P			
014P			

* If no inflow into basin, then a sample of basin discharge. If no basin discharge, then grab sample from basin itself.

** 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.

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

V. Groundwater Monitoring

List Monitoring Sites and indicate type of site	Parameters	Frequency (minimum)	Duration of Monitoring
GMBCMW2* (Above Black Creek)	Iron Manganese pH Specific Conductance Water level	Quarterly	Life of mine

* If a well is destroyed during mining and reclamation operations, this well will be re-drilled in approximately the same location. The well will be drilled to the same depth, and casing standards will be identical to those shown in 'Casing Specifications' in this report.

HYDROLOGIC MONITORING PLAN (continued)

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:

Global Met Coal Corp. (Office)

837 Hastings Street, Suite 204 (Address)

Vancouver, BC, Canada V6C3N6 (City & State)

George W. Heard (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 Monitoring Site GMBCSW-1 is downstream of all mining to be conducted by Global Met Coal Corp.. Results of performance monitoring as outlined in the monitoring plan can be compared to the results of performance monitoring for Surface Water Monitoring Site GMBCSW-2 to determine impact to the receiving streams and confirm or deny the estimates of the PHC. Groundwater Monitoring Site GMCBCM2 will monitor the characteristics of the aquifer above the target coal seam. 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. The proposed postmining land use is undeveloped or no current land use or management (grasses utilized as terminal vegetation). Alabama Department of Environmental Management recommendations for water quality to support this land use on this stream classification are less stringent than those limitations currently in force for surface mine effluent, therefore the existing monitoring plan is adequate and no additional parameters are recommended.

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.