

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC.
P-3666 R-25, SHOAL CREEK MINE

DATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
9:00 A.M.

LOCATION

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM
PINNACLE BANK BUILDING 1811 2ND AVE
JASPER, ALABAMA 35501

HEARD BY: ROBERT ALLEN, R.F.
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This informal conference was held at 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of February 2012, at the Alabama Surface Mining Commission Hearing Room, Pinnacle Bank Building 1811 2nd Ave, Jasper, Alabama 35501. The following is a transcript of the proceedings of said informal conference, including testimony and comments by the representatives and citizens.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. ALLEN: My name is Robert Allen; I am the assessment officer for the Alabama Surface Mining Commission. Ann Miles is will be recording the information that is gathered here today. We are here today to take comments regarding the application of Drummond Company, Inc., Shoal Creek Mine, permit application number P3666, revision number R-25. The law allows for public participation in this permitting process by allowing each person having an interest that may be affected by the proposed mine operation to have an opportunity to speak what is on her mind about this issuance of this permit. Anyone wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak. We reserve the right to limit the length of each presentation in order to allow most parties an opportunity to speak. We are required by law to record all comments that are made at this conference. It is important that when you are called on to speak that you come up to one of these chairs, state your name and state your objections clearly. We stress this is an informal conference; it is not a trial or a formal hearing. It is a chance to say what is on your mind, express your concerns about this proposed operation, and tell how you object to this permit. Limit your comments specifically to this particular application I have mentioned already. A copy of this transcript will be forwarded to our permit manager for this particular revision and he will use this information in making his final determination of whether this revision will be denied, or modified and issued, or issued as is. At the time that the final decision is made, we will be mailing out postcards or sending out email to all persons who have made contact with us about this permit revision. You will be directed to our web site at <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>. Where you can go and review the decision. You will be able to make copies of that decision on your printer and if you do not have access to a computer

and/or printer please make a written request to the mining commission for a copy of that decision. You all can make that request today before you leave if you wish. Within 30 days from the date of that decision anyone will be able to request a hearing in front of our Division of Hearings and Appeals. Anyone wanting a CD copy of what is being recorded here today must make a request in writing to the mining commission. The cost of that CD will be \$20.00 dollars. For those who are going to our web site you may want to go ahead and make a copy of our decision as quickly as possible because that decision will only be posted for only thirty days after the decision is made. Also, remember thirty days is the time frame allowed for one to appeal to the final decision to our Division of Hearings and Appeals. Who would like to speak first?

MS. IRFAN: Is this concerning Shannon Mine #2?

MR. ALLEN: This is Drummond Company, Inc., Shoal Creek Mine...the permit number is P-3666. The revision number is 25. We had requests for both this mine that I just mentioned and for Shannon. So, the Drummond conference is being held at 9:00 and the Shannon conference will be held at 11:00. They are really totally separate but we have to keep our records, paper work and conferences totally separate. Ma'am we usually sit down there but we have a new speaker system...I think it would be better if you would speak right here in front of ...close to the mic anyone of those seats would be fine.

MS. IRFAN: All right! Do I have to sit...because this one is actually...I guess is out of our area.

MR. ALLEN: First please state your name.

MS. JANET IRFAN: I am Janet Irfan I.R.F.A.N and address is 9106 Weller Sumpter Rd, Adger, AL 35006.

MR. ALLEN: Your question was....

MS. IRFAN: Well...umm...I guess I would like to know where this location is because I don't believe it's in my direct area...now.

MR. ALLEN: Well we have a map concerning...ah... this particular revision and this...I can show you this...uh...my understanding its approximately ten or fifteen miles...straight line from the Shannon Mine area. This is uh...county map...there is Tuscaloosa...here is the river Bankhead Lake and are you familiar with Butch Field's Store or Providence Cemetery?

MS. IRFAN: No.

MR. ALLEN: Well this is the map.

MS. IRFAN: Okay, so this is the area?

MR. ALLEN: Yes ma'am. Ah...this mine has been in this area for several years.

MS. IRFAN: Okay....and is this new? Is it blasting?

MR. MARK WOODLEY: This is an underground...its an underground mine.

MR. ALLEN: Totally underground.

MS. IRFAN: Okay.

MR. ALLEN: No surf...well there are surface effects but there is no coal...over burden removal at this site. It's all...all the coal removal takes place underground.

MS. IRFAN: Okay...all right well this one I guess is not directly affecting us...it's the one we don't want to talk about right now. I guess it's the next one. Shannon.

MR. ALLEN: Well we received...we received request for this conference...

MS. IRFAN: Yes.

MR. ALLEN: So, we set it up...and now it's your opportunity to speak concerning the Drummond revision...but you really don't have anything to say.

MS. IRFAN: Not for Drummond...no.

MR. ALLEN: Okay. Does anyone else wish to speak?

MS. IRFAN: For Drummond?

MR. ALLEN: No one wishes to speak? Okay, well then at this time we will close this proceeding and the next one...for Shannon...the next conference will take place at 11:00 a.m.

MS. IRFAN: Okay.

MR. ALLEN: Thank you!

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STATE OF ALABAMA)

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I hereby certify that the above and foregoing proceedings were electronically recorded taken down by me in shorthand or otherwise and questions and answers thereto were typewritten by me, and that the foregoing represents a true and correct transcript of said hearing. I further certify that I am neither of counsel nor of kin to the parties of the action nor am I anywise interested in the result of said cause.



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