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Armstrong Energy Corporation  
P.O. Box 1973  
Roswell, NM 88202

Subject: Vegetative monitoring status for Ross Federal #5

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Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Roswell Field Office is in receipt of your Subsequent Sundry Notice on Form 3160-5 (Sundry Notice and Reports on Wells) dated May 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 for the above well in section 7, T. 10 S., R. 26 E., Chaves County, New Mexico.

BLM has placed the location in a vegetative monitoring status pending satisfactory re-vegetation. Please continue your annual monitoring of this location for a minimum of two growing seasons. When the site appears to be in a safe, stable, and satisfactory re-vegetative state; submit a Final Abandonment Notice on Form 3160-5 (Sundry Notice and Reports on Wells) stating surface restoration of the well pad and access road is complete and are ready for inspection. BLM will then inspect the location, if it meets BLM standards, will process and approve your request for Final Abandonment. 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (c), states "...the surface of the lands disturbed in connection with the conduct of operations shall be reclaimed in accordance with a plan first approved or prescribed by the authorized officer".

However, if during those next two (2) years the BLM determines that there has been adequate precipitation to achieve a successful re-vegetative status and the location still does not meet BLM standards, the operator will be required to reclaim the location again until those standards are met. Under Onshore Order #1 XII B, it states "until surface reclamation is completed to the satisfactory of the BLM Authorized Officer final Abandonment will not be approved".

Your liability under bond is retained until surface reclamation is complete and approved by the Authorized Officer. If you have any questions concerning the location, please contact the Natural Resource Specialist staff at (575) 627-0272.

Sincerely,

\S\ Ruben J. Sanchez

Ruben Sanchez  
Assistant Field Manager,  
Lands and Minerals