CONTRACTOR PRECOMMENCEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINE

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Contractor Precommencement Environmental Guideline is to ensure that all contractors brought on-site to perform work are aware of the policies, procedures, and expectations of the Environmental Department.

2 SCOPE

The Contractor Precommencement Environmental Guideline is a list of environmental policies that highlight many of the important points related to most activities on the mine site. The procedures for contractors will be thoroughly discussed with any contractors prior to any work to answer any questions or concerns. The environmental representative responsible for the area where the work will be performed should present the material during pre-commencement meetings or during the bidding process. It is essential that all environmental procedures are well understood before any work is started to minimize impacts to the environment and to remain in compliance with all permits and environmental regulations while working at the mine.

3 RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the contractor’s representative to ensure all environmental policies and procedures are properly relayed to the contractor. The Environmental Department will assist with interpretation of the policies or regulations if requested.

4 PROCEDURE

Expectations

While on the company owned or operated property, contractors shall comply with all environmental laws, regulations, ordinances, permits, orders and other applicable governmental authorizations or limitations regarding protection of the environment.

Hazardous Materials

Contractors shall not bring any hazardous materials on site without prior written approval of the company. Any staging or storage areas for fuels, oils, lubricants or any potentially hazardous chemicals shall be adequately contained to prevent release or loss of material.
Spill Response

Contractors shall notify contractor’s representatives of any releases of any materials to the environment. Releases must be cleaned up and reported in a timely manner. If the representative cannot be contacted the contractor shall contact the site environmental department to provide notification of the release.

Disposal of Solid Waste

Inert, general trash can be disposed of in accordance with the company’s disposal procedures. However, no liquids or hazardous materials of any kind are allowed to go into company operated and maintained landfills. Contractor’s must obtain pre-approval from the company’s Environmental Department before disposing of oily rags, sandblasting materials, empty containers, paint wastes, aerosol cans, electronics, etc.

Wildlife

Any dead or injured animals found on-site shall be reported to the contractor’s rep or Environmental Department as soon as possible.

Cultural Artifacts

Contractors shall not disturb any cultural resources at or near their work area. If cultural resources are found on-site, notify contractor’s rep or Environmental Department as soon as possible.

Air Emissions

Fugitive dust emission control shall be accomplished by the use of water applications or company-approved dust suppressants.

Stormwater

In areas where ground will be disturbed, storm water controls must be used. Weed-free straw bales, wattles or silt fencing must be used and maintained during construction activities in accordance with the sites operating practices.