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Teresa Fox
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Dear Ms. Fox:

The department has completed its review of the supplemental information for the mine permit amendment application to Small Scale Mine Permit 477 submitted on May 21, 2026. Based on our review, the application is procedurally incomplete. The following item will need to be addressed in order to complete the application:

1. After reviewing the calculations included in the May 21 submittal, they do not show that the ditch along the vat will be able to divert and contain the maximum 19,000 gallons of water in the vat in the event of an instantaneous and catastrophic failure of the vat without overtopping. You will need to include the dimensions of the ditch and pit and prove that the ditch and pit can hold the 19,000 gallons of water in the vat without overtopping.

Also, please explain whether the pit will remain open after the mining of it is completed and additional pit areas are opened to provide containment for the vat water.

Please submit proof of filing of the information requested in this letter with the Lawrence County Register of Deeds. Proof of filing can be in the form of a letter from the Lawrence County Register of Deeds stating that the information is available for public review at its office.

If you have any questions concerning these comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

VS/

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