

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL
AND ECOLOGY

LOCATION - SUBJECT Shell Oil Co.

Houston, Texas

MINUTE ORDER NO. 81-105

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The Shell Oil Company has requested a 60% reduction of surety on exploratory permit number 0001-X-CO.

The Mined Land Review Committee conducted a field trip on November 16, 1981, to the above captioned exploratory permit site. Upon completion of this inspection, it was determined that the operator has met the requirements of the Law to warrant a 60% reduction of surety.

Therefore, it is recommended that the operator's request be granted.

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SUBMITTED BY: F.G.D.

DATE PASSED: 11/20/81

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY
SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM



TO: Floyd G. Durham, Chief, Surface Mining and Reclamation
FROM: Mined Land Review Committee
DATE: November 17, 1981
SUBJECT: REQUEST BY SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR 60% REDUCTION OF SURETY

A field trip was conducted on the above date by the Mined Land Review Committee for inspection of the reclamation of test pit area in Hampton, Arkansas. It was determined that this operator has complied with the requirements to warrant a 60% reduction of surety.

Therefore, it is recommended that this operator's request for a 60% reduction of surety be approved.


W.V. Bush, Arkansas Geological Commission


Clay Chesney, Arkansas Soil and Water Commission

 By: 
Gene Newsom, Department of Pollution Control & Ecology

Shell Oil Company



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OCTOBER 26, 1981

Mr. Floyd Durham, Division Chief
Division of Surface Mining and Reclamation
State of Arkansas
Dept. of Pollution Control and Ecology
8001 National Drive
Little Rock, AR 72219

Dear Mr. Durham:

On October 5, 1981, Shell Oil Company on behalf of the G-S Lignite Partnership began extraction of a test pit in Hampton, Arkansas. Approximately 170 tons of lignite were removed and the pit was back-filled on October 10, 1981. Final grading and seed bed preparation was delayed because of rain but on October 21, 1981 the area was seeded with four bushels of "Arthur 71" winter wheat.

Per your discussion with R. E. Ouellette on October 26, 1981, we hereby request a reduction in our reclamation bond by 60%. We understand that since this is an exploratory reclamation bond most of the provision of Part 807 will not apply. However, when final release of the bond is sought some of the provision such as public notification may apply. However, the precise paragraphs are yet to be determined by your office for release of bonds from exploratory activities.

In addition, we are enclosing for your files, copies of the "certification of publication" of our notice of intent to explore and a copy of the analysis of water contained in Pond Nos. 1 and 2, and of the pit water before pumping. A total of approximately 10,300 gallons of water was pumped on October 8 and 9. The water was absorbed by the berm material and freshly exposed ground and never "flowed" into our Pond No. 1. No discharge of any kind occurred to either Pond No. 1 or No. 2.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Frank Davis".

J. Frank Davis
Mine Development Manager
Gulf Coast Lignites

REO/jah

CC: Mr. Vel DeGuzman, Water Division
Mr. Hector Pena, EPA (Re: AR0038491)