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STERLING MINING CORPORATION

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Via Email to scott.nally@epa.state.oh.us

Scott Nally, Director
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RE: Sterling Mining Corp. South Mine Complex
NPDES Permit Renewal No. 0IL00136*FD:
Request for Reopening of Permit Draft Comment Period

Dear Director Nally:

On January 24, 2013, Ohio EPA issued a draft renewal NPDES Permit, No. 0IL00136*FD ("Draft Renewal"), for Sterling Mining Corporation's ("Sterling") South Mine Complex in Carroll and Jefferson Counties. The comment period for the Draft Renewal ran through April 12, 2013, and Sterling as well as the Ohio Coal Association submitted comments on April 10 and April 11 respectively. Since that time, Ohio EPA has engaged in additional discussions with both Sterling and the Ohio Coal Association regarding certain terms and conditions in the Draft Renewal. Ohio EPA has requested additional information from Sterling as a result of these discussions. As such, Sterling requests that Ohio EPA reopen the comment period as set forth in O.A.C. 3745-49-05 for the Draft Renewal for thirty (30) days in order to allow Sterling to provide the information requested for placement into the administrative record for this permit action.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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President

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