



Public Notice

Preliminary Findings of Fact: Application for Coal Exploration Permit Canyon Creek Coal Exploration Project (Application # E-1601)

On April 12, 2018, The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) received a request from Flatlands Energy Corporation, 11401 Olive Lane, Anchorage, AK 99515 to review a coal exploration application under 11 AAC 90.165 for the Canyon Creek Coal Exploration Project.

The exploration area is approximately 18 miles west southwest from the Skwentna airport, Alaska within Sections 6,7,18, 19, 30, 31, Township 20N, Range 13W, and Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36, Township 20N, Range 14W, Section 6, Township 19N, Range 13W, and Section 1, Township 19N, Range R14W, all within the Seward Meridian. Approximately 8,960 acres of land are within the exploration area.

The proposed exploration activities would consist of drilling up to twenty exploration drill holes. All drill sites will be reclaimed and all drillholes not retained as monitoring wells will be sealed immediately upon completion of work at the site. All equipment used on site would be removed upon completion of the exploration program.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the Flatlands Energy Corporation has made a proposed a reclamation bond in the amount of \$17,160.00 to cover the associated reclamation liability of Twenty exploration holes.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All exploration and reclamation activities are to be consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

Copies of the Permit Application, Preliminary Findings of Fact and Decision and other supporting documents are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or on our website (www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). A person who may be adversely affected by this decision may file written comments within 30 calendar days after the date of publication of this Preliminary Finding. Comments regarding this application should be sent to Liping Jing at the address listed above, by fax at (907) 269-8930, or by e-mail at coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject "Canyon Creek Exploration". The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2018