



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION DIVISION

December 4, 2014

Mr. Tom Patten  
Lab Manager  
Inter-Mountain Labs  
1673 Terra Avenue  
Sheridan, WY 82801

RE: Qualified Laboratory

Dear Mr. Patten:

In your letter dated August 21, 2014, you requested that Inter-Mountain Labs (IML) be recognized as a qualified laboratory in accordance with §12.241 of the Texas Coal Mining Regulations. The supporting documentation provided in your submittal has been reviewed. This documentation includes a copy of IML's quality assurance information, a listing of the laboratory personnel and relevant experience, and a summary of the quality control procedures of IML. Also provided was an equipment list for the laboratory and a listing of the relevant analytical services offered. The information provided indicates that IML's standard operating procedures are based upon practices and procedures issued by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ASTM International, the American Public Health Association, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The information provided indicates that IML has the personnel with the background and experience and the equipment necessary to conduct water, soil and overburden analyses in accordance with §12.241. Accordingly, IML is a laboratory qualified to conduct water, soil and overburden analyses in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Shane Rotter of this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John E. Caudle".

John E. Caudle, Director  
Surface Mining and Reclamation Division

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