



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION DIVISION

May 13, 2013

Mr. Sairam Abburu
Laboratory Director
San Antonio Testing Laboratory, Inc.
1610 S. Laredo St.
San Antonio, TX. 78207

RE: Request for Laboratory Soil Analyses Approval

Dear Mr. Abburu:

In your letter received April 29, 2013, you requested that San Antonio Testing Laboratory, Inc. (SATL) be recognized as a qualified laboratory for conducting soil and overburden analyses in accordance with §12.241 of the Texas Coal Mining Regulations. SATL previously submitted an application by letter dated November 1, 2012, to be approved for water analyses as well as soil and overburden analyses. I approved, by letter dated March 25, 2013, SATL's application for water analyses but not for soil and overburden analyses due to the lack of a LECO sulfur analyzer necessary to measure sulfur forms to the degree of precision necessary for SMRD requirements. SATL has subsequently purchased a LECO sulfur analyzer and the equipment list included in the April 29, 2013, application reflects this addition. SATL has now met requirements for recognition as a laboratory qualified to conduct soil and overburden analyses.

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

Sincerely,

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

John E. Caudle, Director
Surface Mining and Reclamation Division

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