



October 3, 2025

PADEP-California District Mining Office
California Technology Park
25 Technology Drive
Coal Center, PA 15423-1051

RE: Mr. Randolph Manack
Environmental Group Manager

Subject: Informal Revision – Subsidence Bond Adjustment
Applicant's Name: LCT Energy, LP
Operation Name: Rustic Ridge #1
CMAAP # 65131301
Donegal/Saltlick Townships, Westmoreland/Fayette Counties

Dear Mr. Manack:

On behalf of LCT Energy, LP, Apex Companies, LLC. (Apex) is submitting an informal permit revision to evaluate the subsidence bond for the above referenced mine. The Rustic Ridge #1 Mine has operated for more than 5-years without a subsidence claim and requested the bond be adjusted back to the minimum bond amount of \$10,000. The current bonds in place are noted below:

ISM-3374	\$10,000
ISM-3624	\$3,131,450

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 814-443-3344 or via email eric.terry@apexcos.com.

Yours Sincerely,

Apex Companies, LLC.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric K. Terry'.

Eric K. Terry, P.E.
Senior Project Engineer
Northern Appalachian Division

cc: LCT Energy, LP
Apex File- 721-S161

From: [Jenkins, Lori](#)
To: [Sporcic, Robert](#)
Cc: [Manack, Randolph](#); [Ayres, Gregory](#); [Farley, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: FW: NEW Public Upload Submission – Reference 351405
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 8:51:00 AM

Bob,

You have been assigned the app for Rustic Ridge #1 for subsidence bond adjustment. You are the only reviewer.

APS: 1147624
Auth: 1544523
PUP#: 351405

Thanks,
Lori

From: Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Jenkins, Lori <lorjenkins@pa.gov>; Ayres, Gregory <gayres@pa.gov>; Farley, Elizabeth <elfarley@pa.gov>
Subject: Re: NEW Public Upload Submission – Reference 351405

Lori:

Please assign to Bob Sporcic as the underground engineer. No surface engineer needed.

Thanks,
Randy

From: Jenkins, Lori <lorjenkins@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 3:06 PM
To: Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>; Ayres, Gregory <gayres@pa.gov>; Farley, Elizabeth <elfarley@pa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEW Public Upload Submission – Reference 351405

Good afternoon,

We received an informal revision for Rustic Ridge #1 for subsidence bond adjustment. Who would you like assigned?

Lori

From: EP, epermit-californiadmo <RA-EPermit-califor@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 3:03 PM
To: Jenkins, Lori <lorjenkins@pa.gov>
Subject: FW: NEW Public Upload Submission – Reference 351405

From: depgreenporthelpdesk@state.pa.us <depgreenporthelpdesk@state.pa.us>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 1:31 PM
To: EP, epermit-californiadmo <RA-EPermit-califor@pa.gov>
Subject: NEW Public Upload Submission – Reference 351405

Dear User,

A form has been Submitted by Eric Terry with the following information:

Reference : 351405
Form Name : Bituminous Underground Mine, Coal Prep Plant And/Or Refuse Disposal Area
Permit #/Project # : 65131301
Applicant EIN :
Address : 250 Hellein School Rd
City : Acme
State : PA
Zip : 15610-1143
Region : New Stanton District Mining Office
Submitted To : California District Mining Office
County(all) : Westmoreland, Westmoreland, Fayette
Municipality(all) : Donegal Township, Donegal Borough, Saltlick Township
DEP Processing Comments (if any) : This application is intended to be submitted to PA DEP California District Mining Office. The applicant is not exempt from submission fees, however there is no fee required for this submittal.


This submission can be reviewed here:
<http://epintops.pa.lcl/ePermitAdmin/Permit/AuthorizationInternalSummary/351405>

RE: Rustic

From Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>

Date Tue 2/10/2026 11:42 AM

To Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>

 1 attachment (6 KB)

Rustic Ridge Damage Incidence Report.pdf;

Good morning Bob,

Attached please find the requested report. It doesn't appear to be correct since we still have one damaged house that they haven't settled with the owners. I will need to put a ticket in with IT to have them look at it.

Thanks,
Rich

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From: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 9:58 AM

To: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>

Subject: Rustic

Randy wants a recent Damage Incidence Report going back five years. Thanks.

RE: Rustic

From: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Date: Fri 9/26/2025 8:11 AM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>

Because there is a glitch in the BUMIS database. I asked Sue to double check and make sure the backscreens have been closed out properly, otherwise it shows up as still open.

From: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Subject: Re: Rustic

Why is the claim still listed on the report?

From: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2025 7:31 AM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rustic

The claim form wasn't returned by the homeowner and the problem was closed out in BUMIS on 6/24/2021.

From: Kormanik, Richard
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rustic

If a structure damage claim form isn't returned to our office within 60 days, the case is automatically closed by clerical.

From: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:48 PM
To: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Subject: Rustic

Can the one damage liability come off the list, since the form was not returned?

From: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 2:37 PM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Subject: RE: REPORT

Bob,

As per your request. If you need anything else, please let me know.

Department of Environmental Protection
Damage Incidence Report

Report Printed: 09/25/2025 02:35 PM

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Report Parameters:

Permit #/Mine Name RUSTIC RIDGE
Date Last Mined Range 09/25/2020 - 09/25/2025


Mine Name RUSTIC RIDGE Permit Number 65131301

Property Sys Id	Property#	Problem Sys Id	Problem Type	Resolution	Damage Count
36647	027				
36649	031				
38292	375	6476	Structure Damage	Damage Claim Form Not Returned to CDMO	
38308	457				
39095	41				
39280	420				
39601	415				
39993					
40062					

Properties Undermined 9
Properties With Reported Damage 1
Properties With Damage Liability 1

Rustic

From Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Date Tue 2/10/2026 1:13 PM
To Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>

 1 attachment (6 KB)
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Is this okay to send to Rich:

The attached report says 0 Properties With Damage Liability. Your e mail below indicates the # of Properties With Damage Liability may be 1. What is the # of Properies With Damage Liability?

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Re: Rustic

From Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Date Thu 2/12/2026 7:17 AM
To Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>

Nobody ever told me what the damage liability actually is. I was told to use that number.

From: Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Subject: Re: Rustic

Bob:

It seems what your asking is correct. Does the damage liability mean outstanding unresolved claims currently submitted and being reviewed by the Department?

Randolph Manack |Environmental Group Manager
Department of Environmental Protection | District Mining Operations
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From Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Date Thu 2/12/2026 7:38 AM
To Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>

From: Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 7:35 AM
To: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rustic

Thank you for your email Bob. I will discuss it with him this morning when he comes in so nothing gets lost in the translation.

From: Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
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To Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Cc Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>

Bob,

I ran two Damage Incidence Reports in BUMIS. One going back 5 years and one going back 10 years. I gave them to Randy and explained the results and problems that I saw with each report. I'm assuming that he will be discussing it with you in the next few days.

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From Manack, Randolph <rmanack@pa.gov>
Date Thu 2/12/2026 10:59 AM
To Sporcic, Robert <rsporcic@pa.gov>
Cc Kormanik, Richard <rkormanik@pa.gov>

 1 attachment (53 KB)
20260212104719512.pdf;

Bob:

Attached are the two reports from BUMIS. I spoke with Rich to clarify what was depicted on the report printouts. It appears that One (1) structure was reported for damage on 12/29/22 on the 10-year report. Rich and I were not sure why it did not show up also on the 5-year report for the timeframe range listed. Therefore, you will need to determine the amount of subsidence bond that must held for Rustic Ridge Mine. Make sure you writeup your subsidence bond calculation determination so it can be placed with the informal revision correspondence material. Provide me the calculated subsidence bond amount, and then we can proceed with the permittee's request accordingly. Contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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Damage Incidence Report

Report Printed: 02/12/2026 07:42 AM

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Report Parameters:

Permit #/Mine Name RUSTIC RIDGE
Date Last Mined Range 02/12/2021 - 02/12/2026

Mine Name RUSTIC RIDGE Permit Number 65131301

Property Sys Id	Property#	Problem Sys Id	Problem Type	Resolution	Damage Count
36649	031				
38308	457				
39095	41				
39280	420				
39601	415				
39993					
40062					

# Properties Undermined	7
# Properties With Reported Damage	0
# Properties With Damage Liability	0

Note: Department also ran a 10-year report to verify the number of structures damaged in the last 5-year timeframe.
One (1) structure was reported for damage on December 29, 2022.
Therefore, subsidence band must be determined for this one structure.

Department of Environmental Protection
Damage Incidence Report

Report Printed: 02/12/2026 07:42 AM

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Mine Name RUSTIC RIDGE

Permit Number 65131301

Property Sys Id	Property#	Problem Sys Id	Problem Type	Resolution	Damage Count
36749	132				
36750	133				
36751	135				
36926					
37379	019				
37388	36				
37430	24				
37439	13				
38092	49	6449	Structure Damage	FEDOR - H	7/1/20 Reported
		6450	Structure Damage	FEDOR - G	
38292	375	6476	Structure Damage	Damage Claim Form Not Returned to CDMO	BOWERS
38308	457				
38660					
38662					
39095	41				
39249					
39250	46-16-00-0-116	6775	Structure Damage	Company Purchased Property	12/29/22 Reported
39280	420				
39601	415				
39993					
40062					
# Properties Undermined					47
# Properties With Reported Damage					5
# Properties With Damage Liability					5