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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al*,

Debtors.
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Chapter 11

Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

Jointly Administered

**NOTICE OF PROHIBITION AGAINST TRANSFER OR DISPOSAL OF LICENSE OR
LICENSED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL
OF UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

The United States of America, on behalf of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”), hereby provides notice that Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in these proceedings (collectively, the “Debtors”) are prohibited from transferring or disposing of its NRC licenses or any licensed radioactive material without prior approval from the NRC, as set forth below:

1. On July 9, 2012, Debtors filed voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The Debtors continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

2. The Debtors currently holds licenses from the NRC to use, possess and store certain radioactive materials (NRC License Nos. 47-31315-01; 47-23023-01; 47-24809-01; 47-23053-01; 47-25301-01; 47-24917-01), as specified in its licenses.

3. The Debtor's NRC licenses remain and will continue to remain in effect, pursuant to Sections 81, 161, and 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 2111, 2201, and 2233), and NRC's regulations at 10 CFR § 30.34, with respect to the possession, transfer, and storage of licensed radioactive material remaining in the Debtors' possession, as contamination or in other forms, until the NRC notifies the Debtors in writing that the licenses are terminated.

4. Although in bankruptcy, the Debtors remain responsible for all regulatory requirements under their NRC licenses, including those relating to security and control of licensed radioactive material, decontamination and decommissioning of contaminated facilities, and retention of personnel required by the license conditions.

5. The NRC's regulations at 10 CFR 30.34 do not permit the Debtors to transfer, assign, or dispose of their NRC licenses or the licensed radioactive material, either voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, through a transfer of control of the license or any of the licensed radioactive material, to any person or entity, without prior written approval of the NRC.

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Respectfully submitted,

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