



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 2, 2015

Via E-mail

Philip J. Cavatoni
Chief Financial Officer
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.
One Alpha Place, P.O. Box 16429
Bristol, VA 24209

**Re: Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2014
Filed February 26, 2015
Response Dated June 26, 2015
File No. 001-32331**

Dear Mr. Cavatoni:

We have reviewed your filings and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Item 2. Properties

Coal Reserves, page 48

1. Please confirm that in future filings you will include a statement with your mineral reserve table disclosing the mineral price assumptions used to establish the economic viability of your reserves.

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You may contact John Coleman at (202) 551-3610 with questions about engineering comments.

Sincerely,

/s/Tia L. Jenkins

Tia L. Jenkins
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Office of Beverages, Apparel, and
Mining