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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
Permit Number 866-0375

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Cardinal Reclamation Company, LLC., 989 Governors Lane, Suite 350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase III bond release on Increment Numbers 1, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 27 and 30 on Permit Number 866-0375, which was last issued on March 14, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 918.51 surface acres.

It is located approximately 0.60 miles south of Chappell, Kentucky in Leslie County. The operation is located approximately 2.30 miles northeast from Ky Route 2009's junction with Ky Route 2008 and located approximately 0.50 miles north of the confluence of Lewis Creek and Greasy Creek. The operation is located on the Cutshin and Bledsoe USGS 7 ½ minute quadrangle maps.

The bond now in effect for Increment Number 1 is a surety bond in the amount of $7,700. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 5 is a surety bond in the amount of $11,100. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 10 is a surety bond in the amount of $20,700. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 11 is a surety bond in the amount of $19,800. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 12 is a surety bond in the amount of $43,300. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 13 is a surety bond in the amount of $72,900. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 17 is a surety bond in the amount of $44,600. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 19 is a surety bond in the amount of $5,700. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 27 is a surety bond in the amount of $11,600. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment Number 30 is a surety bond in the amount of $12,100. One-hundred (100%) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading, seeding, and mulching that was completed during the winter of 2021.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Second Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6571 by Saturday, October 03, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 06, 2026 at 9:00 A. M. at the Department for Natural Resources Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965-1229. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Saturday, October 03, 2026.

Floodplain and Wetland Notice of Explanation Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Federal, State, and Local Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Hyden-Leslie County Water District, under 24 CFR Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55.20, Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effects that the proposed project in the floodplain may have on the human environment for the Leslie Waterline Replacement Phase I Project in Leslie County, Kentucky.

The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has received funding through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Federally Assisted Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the Leslie Waterline Replacement Phase I Project.

The proposed project consists of the in-kind replacement and rehabilitation of existing water system infrastructure throughout portions of Leslie County. The project includes the replacement of approximately 36,512 linear feet of aging and deteriorated waterlines that have experienced recurring failures, the replacement of two (2) existing booster pump stations, rehabilitation of existing booster pump stations through the installation of Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) and associated equipment, and installation of zone master meters to improve system monitoring, reliability, pressure, operational efficiency, and reduce water loss.

The purpose of the project is to improve the reliability and efficiency of the Hyden-Leslie County Water District's existing public water distribution system and to provide dependable water service to existing customers. The project does not propose an expansion of the Water District's existing service area. Work will occur primarily within existing utility corridors, roadway rights-of-way, and previously disturbed areas.

The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain.

The first alternative considered was the No Action Alternative. Under this alternative, the existing deteriorated waterlines, booster pump stations, and related infrastructure would remain in their present condition. This alternative would not correct recurring waterline failures, excessive water loss, pressure and reliability problems, or other deficiencies within the existing water distribution system. Continued deterioration of the existing system could result in increased maintenance costs, service interruptions, loss of treated water, and reduced reliability for existing customers. Therefore, the No Action Alternative would not meet the purpose and need of the proposed project.

The second alternative considered was the relocation of waterlines and related improvements outside of the floodplain. Because the proposed project primarily involves replacement and rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure located within established utility corridors and roadway rights-of-way, relocation outside of the floodplain would require the establishment of new utility corridors and the acquisition of additional easements or rights-of-way. This alternative could result in greater ground disturbance, additional impacts to previously undisturbed land, increased construction costs, and potential impacts to private property and other environmental resources. Relocation of the entire project outside of the floodplain is therefore not considered a practicable alternative.

The third alternative considered was the proposed project, consisting of replacement and rehabilitation of the existing water distribution infrastructure generally within its current location and existing utility corridors. This alternative allows the Hyden-Leslie County Water District to correct deficiencies within its existing water system while minimizing the amount of new ground disturbance and avoiding the creation of unnecessary new utility corridors. The proposed project will provide improved system reliability, reduce water loss, improve water pressure and monitoring capabilities, and provide better service to existing customers.

Portions of the proposed project are located within the 100-year floodplain. Impacts to floodplain areas are expected to be minimal because the project primarily consists of replacement and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure within previously disturbed areas and existing utility corridors.

The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has re-evaluated the alternatives to undertaking portions of the proposed project within the floodplain and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to proceeding with the proposed improvements in their existing general locations.

Environmental files documenting compliance with Steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the location and during the hours identified in the final paragraph of this notice.

The proposed activity is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on the human environment for the following reasons:

Construction disturbance will be limited to the minimum area necessary to complete the proposed improvements. Work will occur primarily within existing roadway rights-of-way, utility corridors, and previously disturbed areas. Significant tree clearing or vegetation removal is not anticipated. Disturbed areas will be restored following construction, and appropriate erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented during construction.

Where stream crossings are necessary, appropriate construction methods, including directional drilling where appropriate, will be used to minimize disturbance to waterways, stream banks, and surrounding areas. Construction debris and unnecessary fill will not be placed within floodplain areas. The project will be designed and constructed so that the improvements will not

Have A Great Day!

Financial Experts Say This One Number Can Protect Your Family

Tiffany and her husband were building a life raising their daughter and special-needs son in Arizona when they called in to "The Ramsey Show," where Dave Ramsey and his team give personal finance advice. Tiffany's husband had a generous life insurance policy through his employer, so it seemed like they were covered. But were they?

Tiffany began to question that after a family member got cancer and had to quit their job—which meant their life insurance policy disappeared.

Tiffany was right to wonder. What she was just beginning to realize was that her family would not be okay financially if her husband lost or quit his job and then died. Without his income and without that life insurance, there would be nothing to cover any mortgage payments, bills, childcare or future college plans.

Tiffany and her family are not alone. Close to half of America is underinsured.

How Much Life Insurance Do You Actually Need?

There's a very specific number for how much life insurance you should have. Financial expert Dave Ramsey uses a simple formula of 10-12 times your annual income to determine how much your life insurance policy should be worth—and that policy should always be your own. When Tiffany called in, that's the answer she got.

A policy worth that is the difference between Tiffany being able to grieve and Tiffany having to sell the house while she does.

Why 10-12x Works

The goal isn't to give your family a windfall—life insurance is an income replacement strategy. With a payout worth 10 times your income, your family can invest the death benefit, live off the growth, and never touch the principal.

Here's how the math works: Let's say Tiffany's husband earns $80,000 a year. Multiply that by 10 and you've got $800,000. Invested in a good growth stock mutual fund averaging a 10% return (roughly the historical S&P 500 average), the family will have $80,000 a year to live on—her husband's full salary.

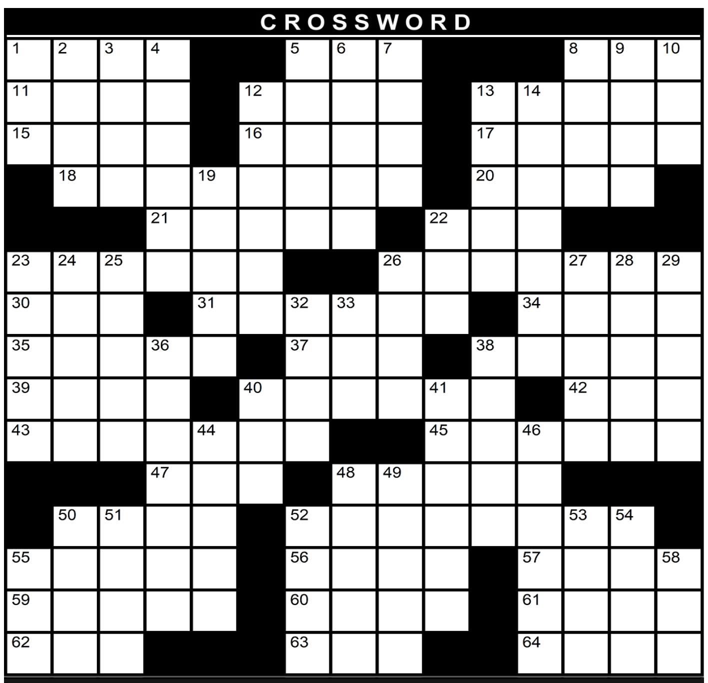
If $800,000 sounds like a lot of money, it is. You want your family to have the space to miss you, not scrambling to cover bills. And that's the right policy buys: not just money, but time. Time to grieve without

a financial deadline. Time for the kids to stay in their schools, their sports, their lives.

How to Find Your Number

Do a quick check for your own family. Take your income and multiply it by 10. This is your base number, but you may need to lean toward 12 times your salary if your kids are still young, you have significant debt, or you want to help pay for future college costs. Once you've done this math, you have your number. To find out how a policy for that number will fit into your budget, use a quote tool like the one at ramseysolutions.com/lifeinsurance. You'll always want term life over permanent life insurance—it offers the same coverage with significantly lower premiums.

Whatever your number is, protecting your family is worth doing right.



STATEPOINT MEDIA THEME: SOLAR SYSTEM

ACROSS

1. Ancient Peruvian
5. Hit the slopes
8. Bro or sis
11. Thomas the Engine's warning
12. *Sun, e.g.
13. Twist and distort
15. Carpenter's groove
16. *Jupiter's inner "ring"
17. MC Hammer's "2 ____ 2 Quit"
18. *It makes up the majority of Jupiter's mass
20. Narrative poem
21. "When ____ Cry" by Prince
22. Louisville Slugger
23. Chase
26. Puffy cloud
30. Nurses' org.
31. Frozen drink
34. Ricci of fashion
35. Same as climate
37. Buddy Holly's "Peggy ____"
38. Knight's breastplate
39. Frying toy
40. a.k.a. pennant
42. Possesses
43. Appetizer
45. Like certain pine
47. Large edible mushroom
48. ____-Arts, or fine arts
50. Disparaging remark
52. *The largest moon in the Solar System
55. *Jupiter's Great Red Spot
56. Up it in poker
57. Exclamation of disgust
59. Famous diarist Samuel ____
60. Like decorated cake
61. Reply from a tunnel
62. Tarzan's adoptive dad
63. Neither here ____ there
64. Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, acr.

DOWN

1. It would
2. Master of ark
3. Buffalo Bill's last name
4. In conflict (2 words)
5. Coach-and-four
6. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.
7. *Reason for Mars' redness
8. Kind of palm
9. Author Murdoch
10. Sandwich with acronym name
12. Snow mover
13. Flash of light
14. *Farthest planet from sun in our Solar System
19. Make awake
22. Opposite of vend
23. Gets ready for a trip
24. Dark
25. Indian restaurant yogurt staple
26. ____ Zhen in "Fist of Fury"
27. *The Solar System spans roughly 1.6 ____-years
28. Uniate church member
29. Impudent
32. ____-friendly
33. *Center of the Solar System
36. *The smallest planet
38. Per ____, or yearly
40. Vigor
41. Approved
44. 4 years for a U.S. President, pl.
46. Daisies
48. Bench in Mexico
49. Larger key on the right
50. Pas in ballet
51. Between trot and gallop
52. Effect of pain?
53. Mussolini, with Il
54. Not counterfeit
55. Relaxation location
58. Ornamental pond dweller