

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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Re: Seneca II-W Mine (Permit No. C-1982-057)
Technical Revision No. 81 (TR-81)
TR-81 requests a reduction of \$437,096.61 to the current reclamation bond.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 116, Paragraph 4, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on October 10, 2013 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Seneca II-W Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Seneca Coal Company, LLC. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

In response to an updated reclamation cost estimate conducted in June 2013, Seneca Coal Company requests a reduction in the required reclamation bond of \$437,096.61.

The Surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 9 miles South of Hayden, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

T5N, R88W; All of Section 15; Portions of Sections 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, and 35

T6N, R88W; Portions of Sections 14, 23 and 24

T6N, R87W; Portions of Sections 17, 18, 19

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Hayden Gulch.

The applicant is required to publish notice in a local newspaper that this application has been deemed complete. At the time of publication of this notice, the applicant is additionally required to place a copy of this application at the Hayden Public Library, 201 E. Jefferson Avenue, Hayden, CO 81639-1813, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this letter. If no

comments are received by then, we will proceed on the assumption that you have no concerns with, or objections to, the applicant's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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