

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

**Re: Yoast Mine (Permit No. C-1994-082)
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Ms. Maiolo:

Seneca Coal Company, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Yoast Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on December 3, 2013. Seneca Coal Company is requesting final bond release on a 6.25 acre parcel of land near the north entrance road to the site and the intersection of Routt County Road 27. . The surface ownership is Federal, state and private, and the coal mined was Federal and private.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Janet H. Binns
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