

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Southfield Mine (Permit No. C-1981-014)
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)**

Dear Mr. Plage:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 118, Paragraph 3, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on January 30, 2014, an application to renew an existing permit to conduct coal mining operations at the Southfield Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Mining Reclamation Act and the Rules initiate from this date of filing.

Energy Fuels Coal, Inc. proposes to continue Underground coal mining and/or reclamation operations on land located approximately 7 miles South of Florence, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Mine Area:

Portions of Sections 19, 30, and 31; Township 20S, Range 69N of the 6th P.M.; Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36; Township 20S, Range 70 W of the 6th P.M.

Loadout:

Portions of Sections 17 and 18; Township 19S, Range 69W of the 6th P.M.

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

With RN-06, Energy Fuels requests approval of the renewal of their permit with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

This renewal application does not propose revisions to the approved mining and reclamation plan, nor is there any proposed surface disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area.

The applicant is required to publish notice in the *Cañon City Daily Record* that this permit renewal 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 Fremont County Courthouse, 615 Macon Avenue, Room B-5, Cañon City, CO 81212, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, or request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 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 thirty (30) days of the last publication mentioned above.

Please contact me at the telephone number above if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zuber".

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
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Enclosure(s)