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April 2, 2014

Alan Boehms Office of Surface Mining Western Regional Coordinating Center 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019) Technical Revision Application No. 102 (TR-102) Revised design for West Pit Coal Road Ditch

Dear Mr. Boehms:

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 April 2, 2014, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Colowyo Coal Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

TR-102 revises the design for the lower portion of the West Pit Coal Road Ditch, changing the design from trapezoidal to triangular.

The Surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 28 miles South of Craig, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and T3N, R93W; and Sections 13, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, T4N, R93W; 6th Prime Meridian.

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

The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18 to determine that this application as submitted does not constitute a Mining Plan Action. If the proposal is significantly changed during our review process, we will consult with you on whether a Mining Plan Action should be initiated and direct the applicant to send the revision application materials to your office for review as necessary.

Sincerely,

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