

# STATE OF COLORADO

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April 3, 2014

Rio Blanco County Commissioners  
County Commissioner  
P.O. Box I  
Meeker, CO 81641

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)  
Technical Revision No. 103 (TR-103)  
E-Seam End Wall Highwall Mining in South Taylor Pit**

Dear Rio Blanco County Commissioners:

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 April 3, 2014 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Colowyo Coal Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Colowyo Coal Company L.P.. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

This revision proposes additional highwall mining in the South Taylor Pit. This includes mining of the E-Seam at the end wall at the south end of the pit.

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 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 Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, P.O. Box 1067, Meeker, CO 81641; Moffat County Clerk and Recorder, 221 W Victory Way, Craig, CO 816, 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 "Robert D. Zuber".

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