

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

July 18, 2014

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

Re: Seneca II Mine (Permit No. C-1980-005) **Bond Release Application No. 6 (SL-6)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Seneca Coal Company, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Seneca II Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on July 18, 2014. Bond Release No. 6 (SL-6) represents the formal Phase III release request for Seneca Coal Company's (SCC) Seneca II Mine, C-1980-005. SL-6 requests release of Phase III bond liability on 271.2 acres of reclaimed lands at the Seneca II Mine. A surety bond in the amount of \$429,424 is currently in place and \$429,424 is being requested for release. The surface ownership is state, and the coal mined was state.

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,

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