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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 3, 2014

Dan Prenzlow
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Southeast Region Manager
SE Region Administrative Office
4255 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907-4233

Re: Southfield Mine (Permit No. C-1981-014)
Technical Revision No. 44 (TR-44)
Convert Pond 5 to Permanent Structure Status

Dear Mr. Prenzlow:

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

Energy Fuels proposes to convert Pond 5 to permanent structure status. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is 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.

Because the above referenced technical revision application may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, we are requesting your agency's evaluation of the proposal. Your comments and concerns relating to the adequacy of fish and wildlife resources information, the fish and wildlife plan, and the reclamation plan as it relates to fish and wildlife considerations, including potential impacts to threatened or endangered species, are requested. If wildlife habitat is the proposed postmining land use, we request your evaluation of any changes to proposed woody plant stocking levels, planting arrangements, and methods for mitigation of potential adverse impacts.

Pertinent portions of the permit application are available electronically on our web site: <http://mining.state.co.us/Reports/MiningData/Pages/ImagedDocumentData.aspx> Documents can be sorted by name or by Section/Exhibit number. A user's guide for our imaging system is also available in pdf format at the same web address. Please advise us if you require additional information.

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 Fremont County Clerk and Recorder, 615 Macon Avenue, Room B-5, Cañon City, CO 81212, 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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