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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Alan Boehms
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Western Regional Coordinating Center
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**Re: Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083)
 Technical Revision Application No. 97 (TR-97)
 Variance Request for Gob Pile #1 Slope**

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 December 5, 2014, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Bowie No. 2 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.

Bowie Resources, LLC (BRL) is requesting a variance from the refuse pile slope construction requirements of Rule 4.10.4, to allow a 1.5H:1V slope on 0.1 acres of Gob Pile #1. The revision application includes a stability analysis of the the gob pile with the proposed slope configuration to demonstrate that the gob pile will have a minimum static safety factor of 1.5. 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 5 miles Northeast of Paonia, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, and 22, Township 13 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M. Portions of Sections 33 and 34, Township 12 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M.

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



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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