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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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January 16, 2015

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**Re: Foidel Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1982-056)
Permit Revision Application No. 10 (PR-10)
Wolf Creek Reserve Development and Mining.**

Dear Mr. Nettleton:

We have received your application to revise your permit to conduct coal mining in Colorado. Our initial review indicates that all preliminary items required by Rule 2.08.4(5) have not been submitted. Thus, your application is incomplete for the purposes of filing as of January 16, 2015.

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has completed its completeness review of the proposed permit revision. Please respond to the following comments or concerns as necessary:

- The proposed public notice states that the PR-10 application addresses the activities associated with ongoing development and mining of thirteen longwall panels. Based on the information provided in Map 23, the mine plan only includes six panels (5RT through 11RT). Please provide a revised public notice or revised application material as identified below for review by the Division.
- Revised page 2.04-11 identifies the Wolf Creek Reserve as panels 7RT through 11RT and 4RT through 6RT and 12RT through 14RT and states that TC will need to drain and transfer the water which is currently pooled in the sealed and abandoned overlying workings in the Wadge Seam and states that TC is currently developing detailed mine dewatering plans which will be submitted in the future. If it is the intention for TC to develop and mine Panels 4RT through 14RT, rather than 5RT through 11RT as shown on proposed Map 23, please submit a revised Map 23 which identifies the location of the pooled water along with a detailed dewatering plan for review.



- The PR-10 application cover page identifies a request to conduct longwall mining of panels 9RT, 8RT, 7RT, and 11RT (development initially approved under TR-83), mining of panels 6RT and 5RT, and the development of panels 14RT, 13RT, 12RT, and 4RT. Based on the information submitted with the PR-10 application, there is no map or mine plan design which includes information identifying panels 14RT, 13RT, 12RT, or 4RT.

Revised page 2.05-7.2 under the Operation Plan for the Wolf Creek Reserve states that panels 7RT through 9RT will be mined then extended to the south to panels 4RT through 6RT then to the North to access panels 11RT through 14RT as shown on Map 23. Page 2.05-7.2 also states that, depending on the timing of dewatering operations panels 4RT through 1RT would be mined. The proposed Mine Plan Map 23 does not reflect the proposed mining and operation plan outlined in the revised text. If it is the intention of TC to include mining and development of panels 1RT through 4RT and 12RT through 14RT in the PR-10 application, please submit a Map prepared under Rule(s) 2.05.3 (2)(b) and 2.10 to identify all aerial extents of the approved and proposed underground workings to include the timing of activities under the proposed 5-year mine plan.

- The Division understands that TC has applied for a Federal Lease Modification for COC-54608 to serve as right-of-entry for coal underlying the proposed 6RT and 5RT panels. Please submit a copy of the Federal Lease Modification application to the Division for review.

In accordance with Rule 2.07.3(1), you have the opportunity to amend, review, or otherwise make your application complete.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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