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**Division of Reclamation,
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Department of Natural Resources

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February 10, 2015

Chris Gilbreath
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**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Technical Revision No. 66 (TR-66)
Dryland Pasture Reference Area**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

We have received your application for a technical revision to 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 February 10, 2015.

Section 2.04.10 was not addressed in the TR-66 application. This section discusses the baseline vegetation and reference areas for the New Horizon 2 Mine. Pages 88-93 in particular discuss the dryland pasture reference area located at the Nucla-Naturita Airport. Attachments 2.04.10-1, -2, -3 and -4 also need to be amended. Although it is being proposed to change the dryland reference area, the dryland reference area at the airport has been used for numerous bond releases and its data and description should remain in the permit for historical purposes.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brock Bowles", with a stylized, cursive script.

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