



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

March 6, 2015

Chris Gilbreath
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
1100 West 116th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80234

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 104 (TR-104)
East Taylor Ditch Modification**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 104 at the Colowyo Coal Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Craig Daily Press and Rio Blanco Herald-Times* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Documentation must be submitted to the Division demonstrating that a copy of the approved revision application was sent to the Office of Surface Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. The material should be sent within 15 days of final approval.

Please refer to the Performance Bond heading on the enclosed proposed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.



If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zuber".

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist
Rob.zuber@state.co.us

Enclosure

cc: Alan Boehms, Office of Surface Mining, with enclosures



COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

Colowyo Coal Mine, Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Permit No. C-1981-019

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Technical Revision No. 104

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: September 25, 2014

Decision Date: March 6, 2015

Description of Revision: East Taylor Ditch Modification

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Michael P. Boulay

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: March 6, 2015

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	5,876.50	Prior Liability:	\$340,830,381.79
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	5,886.40	Change in Liability:	\$1,258.85
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	29,075.74	Revised Liability:	\$340,831,640.64
State:	0.00	State:	1,277.00	Bond Held:	\$80,517,829.00
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	4,815.37		
Private:	0.00	Private:	22,983.37		
County:	0.00	County:	0.00		

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

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REVISED MAPS

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