

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 13, 2015

Chris Gilbreath Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc P.O. Box 33695 Denver, CO 80233-0695

## Re: New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089) Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 9 (TR-9) Pond NHN-002 & NHN-002 Ditch Designs.

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 9 at the New Horizon North Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Please refer to the <u>Performance Bond</u> 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,

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Enclosure

cc: Jason Storey, Western Fuels Association, Inc.

C-TR-08



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## **COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION**

New Horizon North Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC Permit No. C-2010-089

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. 9 Decision: Approve Submittal Date: February 3, 2015 Description of Revision: Pond NHN-002 & NHN-002 Ditch Designs.

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND PERMITTEE

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Authorized Representative - Division Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable) Date: March 13, 2015 Date: CHANGE IN ACREAGE **REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE** PERFORMANCE BOND Disturbed: 0.00 Disturbed: 288.70 Prior Liability: \$4,867,641.46 Affected: 0.00 Affected: 288.70 Change in Liability: \$0.00 Permit: 0.00 Permit: 328.70 **Revised Liability:** \$4.867.641.46 0.00 State: Bond Held: \$4,952,980.00 State: 0.00 0.00 Federal: 0.00 Federal: 0.00 Private: Private: 328.70 0.00 County: 0.00 County: **REVISED APPLICATION PAGES REVISED MAPS** Appendix 2.05.3(4)-8, pages 3 and 9 Map 2.05.3(4)-9 Appendix 2.05.3(4)-8, SEDCAD Pond NHN-002 10 YR-24HR Event, 15 pages DELETED APPLICATION PAGES DELETED MAPS NA NA

Decision Date: March 9, 2015