



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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**Re: King Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-035)  
Technical Revision Application No. 24 (TR-24)  
Response to Midterm Review**

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 May 15, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the King Coal 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.

The Division's February 2015 Midterm Review of the King Coal Mine permit application package identified specific areas of the permit that needed to be updated or revised. This technical revision application has been submitted by GCC Energy, LLC to address the issues raised. The revision includes the following major elements: an incidental boundary revision of 87.3 acres; updates to ownership and control information; updates to water well information in the vicinity of the mine; and updates to various permit maps. 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 6 miles Southwest of Hesperus, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 34 North, Range 11 West; portions of Sections 28, 29, 31 and 32, Township 35 North, Range 11 West; and portions of Sections 35 and 36, Township 35 North, Range 12 West; New Mexico Principal Meridian.



The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Thompson Park, Hesperus, Mormon Reservoir, and Kline.

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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