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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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June 8, 2015

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**Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028)
Technical Revision No. 45 (TR-45)
Change of Approved Post-Mining Land Use.**

Dear Ms. Linner:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 116, Paragraph 4, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on June 8, 2015 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Keenesburg Strip Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Coors Energy Company. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Change to the approved post-mining land use for the access road and office/shop buildings. These areas include the office, shop, warehouse, equipment yard, parking area, and main entrance road. CEC proposes to change the post-mining land use from rangeland to industrial/commercial. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 7 miles North of Keenesburg, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2 and 11, T2N, R64W; and Sections 25 and 36, T3N, R64W; 6th Prime Meridian.

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Klug Ranch.



Because the above referenced technical revision application may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, the Division is coordinating with the Office of Surface Mining on evaluation of the potential for impacts to threatened or endangered species of plants or animals, or wildlife species otherwise protected by federal law. A copy of the permit section addressing potential effects of the operation to threatened and endangered (T&E) species has been forwarded to the Office of Surface Mining. The OSM will prepare any biological assessment necessary for approval based on the information provided in the application, and OSM will coordinate with your office as necessary. This coordination is required to ensure mitigation of potential impacts to federally protected wildlife species.

The applicant is required to publish notice in the *Fort Lupton Press* that this application has been deemed complete. At the time of publication of this notice, the applicant is additionally required to place a copy of this application at the RH.Record_Holders, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within ten (10) days of this letter.

Please contact me at the number above if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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