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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 24, 2015

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

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 68 (TR-68)
Stream Buffer Zone Variance Request.**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 68 at the New Horizon 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 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 "Brock Bowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brock" and last name "Bowles" clearly distinguishable.

Brock F. Bowles
Environmental Protection Specialist
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Enclosure

C-TR-08



COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

New Horizon Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC
Permit No. C-1981-008

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. 68

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: March 23, 2015

Decision Date: June 23, 2015

Description of Revision: Stream Buffer Zone Variance Request.

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: June 24, 2015

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: 0.00	Disturbed: 862.37	Prior Liability: \$5,227,008.91
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 862.37	Change in Liability: \$0.00
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 928.89	Revised Liability: \$5,227,008.91
State: 0.00	State: 0.00	Bond Held: \$5,300,000.00
Federal: 0.00	Federal: 0.00	
Private: 0.00	Private: 928.89	
County: 0.00	County: 0.00	

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Section 2.05.6(2) pages 6 and 7; 2.05.6(3) pages cover, TOC, 4, 9-17; Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(v) pages cover, TOC, 5-6; Section 4.05.18 all (12 pages).

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

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REVISED MAPS

Map 4.05.18-1 (new); Map 4.05.18-2 (new)

DELETED MAPS

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