

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

July 7, 2015

Alan Boehms Office of Surface Mining Western Regional Coordinating Center 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019) Bond Release Application No. 8 (SL-8)

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Colowyo Coal Company L.P. has applied for a bond release at the Colowyo Coal Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on July 7, 2015. SL-08 is a Phase I bond release application. The area includes several discontiguous parcels with a total of 189.6 acres. The surface ownership is federal, state and private, and the coal mined was federal, state and private.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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