



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

August 12, 2015

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

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)  
Bond Release Application No. 15 (SL-15)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC has applied for a bond release at the New Horizon Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on August 12, 2015. The applicant has requested Phase II bond release on 77.4 acres of irrigated pasture and dryland reclamation units. The parcels are located northeast and northwest of the intersection of 2700 Road and BB Road. The surface ownership is private, and the coal mined was 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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