



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 8, 2015

Peter Milonas
State Board of Land Commissioners
Department of Natural Resources
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80203-2206

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

Dear Mr. Milonas:

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 September 7, 2015. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act and the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining initiate from this date of filing.

SL-08 is a Phase I bond release application. The area includes several discontinuous 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.

The surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 28 miles South of Craig, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 30 in Township 3 North, Range 93 West; Sections 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in Township 4 North, Range 93 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, and 23 in Township 3 North, Range 94 West; and Sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 in Township 4 North, Range 94 West (all in 6th Prime Meridian).

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Easton Gulch, Axial, Devils Hole Gulch, Ninemile Gap.



For additional information, to provide written comments, or to file an objection and request an informal conference, 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 thirty (30) days of this letter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Zuber' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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