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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 11, 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. 16 (SL-16)**

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 September 11, 2015. SL-16 bond release application is applying for Phase I release on 107.8 acres of the Morgan property that have been regraded, topsoiled and seeded. 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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