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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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**Re: King Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-035)
Technical Revision Application No. 26 (TR-26)
Update Hydrologic Monitoring Locations & Protocol.**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 118, Paragraph 3, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on October 29, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the King Coal Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Technical Revision 26 (TR 26) proposes to add surface and ground water monitoring wells on lands owned by State of Colorado Lease CO-3388, Bureau of Land Management, and Theodore and Nancy Wiedemann. This drilling program involves completion of 4 clusters of 3 wells each, numbered MW-1 thru MW-4, designed as shown in Appendix 4 (5).

Each cluster will consist of one hole drilled in the Menefee formation to just above the "A" coal seam, one will be drilled into the "A" coal seam, and one drilled to below the "A" seam to a depth just above the "B" coal seam.

All four monitoring well clusters will utilize the already disturbed area of the existing roadway thereby minimizing the foot print of disturbance. The applicant is proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.



The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 6 miles Southwest of Hesperus, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 34 North, Range 11 West; portions of Sections 28, 29, 31 and 32, Township 35 North, Range 11 West; and portions of Sections 35 and 36, Township 35 North, Range 12 West; New Mexico Principal Meridian.

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Thompson Park, Hesperus, Mormon Reservoir, Kline.

The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18 to determine that this application as submitted does not constitute a Mining Plan Action. If the proposal is significantly changed during our review process, we will consult with you on whether a Mining Plan Action should be initiated and direct the applicant to send the revision application materials to your office for review as necessary.

Sincerely,



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