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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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**Re: Roadside Portals (Permit No. C-1981-041)
Technical Revision Application No. 68 (TR-68)
Postmining Land Use Change-Pond 8.**

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 December 22, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Roadside Portals 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.

SCC is proposing to change the post-mining land use for former pond 8 from fish and wildlife habitat to commercial. The area is 0.5 acre in size and is adjacent to the agricultural commercial property Kokopelli Farm and Produce. The pre-mining land use of this area was commercial and it will be used to support the commercial agricultural business. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 5 miles North of Palisade, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 26, 27, 28, 34, and 35, T10S, R98W, 6th PM; Portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13, T11S, R98W, 6th PM; Portions of Section 7, T11S, R97W, 6th PM; all in Mesa County.

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Cameo.



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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