



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 5, 2016

Chris Gilbreath
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assoc., Inc
P.O. Box 33695
Denver, CO 80233-0695

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16)**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Division has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16) for the New Horizon Mine. Enclosed is the Division's decision form and written findings. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty-day public comment period. If there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing within the thirty days, the decision will become final.

As provided by Rule 3.03.2(6), should you object to the Division's proposed decision, you may request an adjudicatory hearing.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.



If you have questions or are in need of additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brock Bowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brock" and last name "Bowles" clearly distinguishable.

Brock F. Bowles
Environmental Protection Specialist
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Enclosures

C-SL-07



COAL MINING PERMIT - BOND RELEASE DECISION

New Horizon Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC

Permit No. C-1981-008

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become final in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3.03.2(5)(b).

Bond Release No. 16

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: August 3, 2015

Decision Date: January 5, 2016

Description of Release: Phase 1 Bond Release of 107.8 acres

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

Date: January 5, 2016

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	862.37	Prior Liability:	\$5,432,359.95
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	862.37	Change in Liability:	(\$436,761.74)
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	928.89	Revised Liability:	\$4,995,598.21
State:	0.00	State:	0.00	Bond Held:	\$5,300,000.00
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	0.00		
Private:	0.00	Private:	928.89		
County:	0.00	County:	0.00		

RELEASED ACREAGE REMAINING IN PERMIT BOUNDARY

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Disturbed	107.80	0.00	0.00
Affected	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permitted	0.00	0.00	0.00

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

NA

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

NA

REVISED MAPS

NA

DELETED MAPS

NA