

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

January 20, 2016

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

Re: New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089) Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 12 (TR-12) Overburden Blasting Standards Revision.

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 12 at the New Horizon North Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Please refer to the <u>Performance Bond</u> heading on the enclosed proposed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

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Enclosure

C-TR-08



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COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

New Horizon North Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC Permit No. C-2010-089

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Date:

288.70

328.70

0.00 0.00 328.70 0.00

REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE

Technical Revision No. 12Decision: ApproveSubmittal Date: December 17, 2015Decision Date: January 19, 2016

Description of Revision: Overburden Blasting Standards Revision.

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND PERMITTEE SAFETY

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Authorized Representative - Division

Date: January 20, 2016

CHANGE IN ACREAGE

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Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:
Affected:	0.00	Affected:
Permit:	0.00	Permit:
State:	0.00	State:
Federal:	0.00	Federal:
Private:	0.00	Private:
County:	0.00	County:

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Section 2.05.3(6)(a) (all pages)

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-1; Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-2; Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-3; Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-4;

REVISED MAPS

288.70 Prior Liability:

Section 4.08 (7 pages); Appendix 4.08-1 (4 pages); Appendix 4.08-2 (4 pages); Appendix 4.08-3 (2 pages); Map 4.08-1 <u>DELETED MAPS</u>

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Change in Liability:

Revised Liability:

Bond Held:

PERFORMANCE BOND

\$5,254,691.17

\$5,254,691.17

\$5,500,000.00

\$0.00

Map 2.05.3(6)(a)-1

Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-5; Appendix 2.05.3(6)(a)-6