



## COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

April 27, 2017

Chris Gilbreath

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association  
12050 North Pecos St. Suite 100  
Westminster, CO 80234

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)**  
**Technical Revision No. 79 (TR-79)**  
**Adequacy Review**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your application for TR-79 for the New Horizon Mine on March 20, 2017. The application was deemed complete on March 30, 2017. TR-79 is proposing to add an adjacent support facility area. This will be 2.45 acres in size and will facilitate the movement of topsoil piles 11A and 11B from the ERMJ-Johnson Property to the Slash M, LLC property. The Division finished its review of the TR-79 application and has the following adequacy questions or comments:

### Section 2.03 Legal, Financial, Compliance and Related Information

1. Updated information for the Tri-State Board of Director's was submitted with TR-79. For this reason, an AVS check was completed. No violations were found.
2. Map 2.03.4-1 and the Montrose County Assessor's Office list the landowner of #27 as Timothy and Anna Higgs. On the proposed page 13 of Section 2.03.4(7), Cheryl Staats is listed as the owner of #27. Please clarify the owner of parcel labeled #27 in Section 2.03.4(7).
3. Map 2.03.4-1 and the Montrose County Assessor's Office list the landowner of #31 as John Russell Stroh. On the proposed page 13 of Section 2.03.4(7), Robert Quiring is listed as the owner of #31. Please clarify the owner of parcel labeled #31 in Section 2.03.4(7).
4. In Section 2.03.4(7) Mineral Ownership, #19-Garvey and Co, LLC is not listed as a subsurface owner. Please add Garvey and Co, LLC to Section 2.03.4(7) for consistency with Map 2.03.4-2.
5. In Section 2.03.4(7) Mineral Ownership, #40 & 41-Carl and Theresa Benson are not listed as a subsurface owner. Please add Carl and Theresa Benson to Section 2.03.4(7) for consistency with Map 2.03.4-2.

### Section 2.05.4(2)(e) – Revegetation

1. On page 6, there is a section which addresses adjacent support facilities. Please update this section to include a description about the adjacent support facility for the Morgan topsoil piles.



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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (303) 866-3567 ext. 8142.

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.

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