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**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Mr. Chris Gilbreath  
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.  
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Denver, CO 80233-0695

RE: New Horizon Mine North, Permit No. C-2010-089  
2016 Annual Reclamation Report Review

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received the 2016 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) for the New Horizon North Mine on March 15, 2017. The ARR requirements are found in Rule 2.04.13 of the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining.

The Division has finished its review of the 2016 ARR. The report was complete and had all the required information. The Division has the following two questions:

1. Table 2 of the 2015 ARR shows that topsoil pile 1 requires 191,483 cy of mixed topsoil. The 2016 requirement for mixed topsoil from topsoil pile 1 is 211,185 cy. Please explain the increased requirement from topsoil pile 1 without additional soil being added to the pile and why there is a negative balance of topsoil.
2. Table 2 of the 2015 ARR shows that topsoil pile 2 requires 85,643 cy of progressso topsoil. The 2016 requirement for mixed topsoil from topsoil pile 2 is 67,149 cy. Please explain the decreased requirement from topsoil pile 2 without additional soil being added and or removed.

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

Sincerely,

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