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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

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Tamme Bishop
J.E. Stover & Associates, Inc.
2352 North 7th Street, Unit B
Grand Junction, CO 81501

**Re: Coal Ridge No. 1 (Permit No. C-1984-065)
2016 Annual Hydrology Report Review**

Dear Ms. Bishop,

The Division received the 2016 Annual Hydrology Report for the Coal Ridge No. 1 Mine on February 7, 2017. The report was submitted in a timely manner. The report indicated that there was no water monitoring conducted for the 2016 calendar year. This is in compliance with the currently approved permit application package (Page 4-85).

The sediment pond was reclaimed in 2015 and a new discharge permit, CO0048972, was issued for the straw wattles associated with the reclamation of the sediment pond. There was no measurable discharge from the straw wattles during 2016. Page 4-86 of the approved permit application package requires the Annual Hydrology Report to include a discussion about the water consumption from irrigation of the reclaimed site. The cropland at the reclaimed site was not irrigated during 2016.

Based on the above information, the Division has no questions or further comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 866-3567 x8144.

Sincerely,

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