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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Ms. Tonya Hammond
Snowcap Coal Company, Inc.
2353 Nort 7th street, Unit B
Grand Junction, CO 81501

August 21, 2017

Re: 2016 Annual Reclamation Report for Roadside Portals, Permit C-1981-041

Dear Ms. Hammond:

On January 31, 2017, the Division received Snowcap Coal Company's 2016 Annual Reclamation Report. The Division has reviewed the report and found it to meet the requirements of Rule 2.04.13.

Review of the Annual Reclamation Report form finds a discrepancy that may need additional detail. In the table that documents the acres seed, under the column titled, "10 years or less" the 2015 ARR value was 21.3 acres, and the "greater than 10 years" column reported 135.8 acres for 2015. The 2016 values for these two columns report 21.4 acres seeded less than 10 years, and 135.7 acres seeded "greater than 10 years". The Division's review of the 2016 ARR, pages 3-15, failed to pinpoint this variance. The Division did not find that SCC had conducted any seeding in 2016, nor had there been any new disturbances in 2016. The Division wants to assure that liability timeframes are accurately tracked, and make sure areas that have met their minimum liability time are recognized.

Please provide an explanation as to why this 0.1 acre is no longer considered seeded "greater than 10 years", or if this is an oversight, please correct the ARR summary form.

Thank you for timely submittal of a detailed and thorough Annual Reclamation Report.

Sincerely,

Janet Binns
Environmental Protection Specialist III

