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August 23, 2017

Ms. Janet Binns  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc.  
Revised 2016 Annual Reclamation Report  
Permit No. C-1981-041

Dear Ms. Binns:

The DRMS's letter dated August 21, 2017 transmitted its adequacy comments regarding Snowcap's 2016 Annual Reclamation Report. Following are Snowcap's responses to the DRMS's comments and concerns:

1. **DRMS** - In the table that documents the acres seeded, 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"....

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.

**SCC** - Enclosed is the revised "Annual Reclamation Report for the Year 2016" summary form correcting the "Acres Seeded" section. A mistake was made on a numerical entry of the worksheet used by SCC and has since be corrected.

Please call if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

*Tonya Hammond*

Tonya K. Hammond  
Owner's Representative  
Snowcap Coal Company, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: SCC File

# Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

## Annual Reclamation Report for the Year 2016

Roadside Portals

mine name

C-1981-041

permit #

Snowcap Coal Company

Permittee

Address: P. O Box 1430, Palisade, CO 81526

This report, required by Rule 2.04.13, is due by February 15 of each year, or other date, as agreed upon by the Division. It should include text, discussion, and maps, at a minimum, in addition to any other reclamation monitoring data as required by the approved permit. The location of the acreage reported under each land status category and year of seeding (if applicable) should be clearly and accurately identified on a map included with the report.

Land Status Category	Last Years Cumulative Total		This Calendar Year		Cumulative Total <sup>1</sup>
Acres disturbed	241.7	+	0	=	241.7
Acres backfilled and graded	230.0	+	0	=	230.0
Acres topsoiled	131.6	+	0	=	131.6

Seeding typically begins the minimum 10-year reclamation liability period. Please report the acres for each category below. Do not include acres that have achieved final, Phase III release.

	Last Years Cumulative Total		This Calendar year		Cumulative Total <sup>1</sup>		10 years or less		Greater than 10 years <sup>1</sup>
Acres seeded*	157.1	+	0.0	=	157.1	=	21.3	+	135.8

\*include, if necessary, a description of any augmented seeding or cultural practices

**For the Entire Life of Mine**, the total number of acres disturbed 241.7 and the total number of acres:  
 Phase I released 241.5 Phase II released 239.1 Phase III released 227.1

### **For Mines in Permanent Cessation:**

Total acreage in facilities subject to reclamation but yet to be completed N/A

### **For Government Performance and Results Act**

Acreage in long-term mining or reclamation facilities <sup>2</sup> 0.2

Acreage in active mining areas <sup>3</sup> 0.0

<sup>1</sup> (exclude acres where Phase III release has been achieved)

<sup>2</sup> Includes haul and access roads; temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches, water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; repair, storage and construction areas; office area, repair shops, and parking; coal stockpiles, loading, and processing areas; railroads; coal conveyors; nonbackfilled and graded areas of refuse piles, coal mine waste impoundments, head-of-hollow fills, and valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and noncoal waste disposal area (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas).

<sup>3</sup> Includes pits, topsoil stripped areas in advance of pits, and spoil not backfilled and graded