



June 3, 2021

Mr. Zach Trujillo
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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Permit No. C-1981-019
2021 Annual Rill and Gully Report**

Dear Mr. Trujillo,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Axial Basin Coal Company, which is the general partner to Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo). Therefore, Tri-State is submitting the 2021 Annual Rill and Gully Report on behalf of Colowyo.

Permit requirements in Section 4.14.6 of Colowyo's permit to mine (Permit No. C-1981-019), require Colowyo to submit an Annual Rill and Gully Report no later than June 15 of each year. All the information required in Section 4.14.6 has been included under this cover.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232.

Sincerely,

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Chris Gilbreath
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Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosure

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)
Angela Aalbers (via email)
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2021 Rill and Gully Report

Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Permit No. C-1981-019

May 26, 2021

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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

Rills and gullies forming in reclamation areas are regraded and topsoiled if they either (1) disrupt the approved postmining land use or the reestablishment of the vegetative covers or (2) cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards for receiving streams. These features will be identified during the spring of each year. As part of the spring inspection, regraded and topsoiled areas will be visually inspected and rills and gullies identified.

This report provides a summary of any identified rills and gullies, all activities undertaken to remediate these areas, and anticipated time frames for repair. As required by Permit No. C-1981-019, Volume 1, Section 4.14.6, this report will be submitted annually and no later than June 15 of each year.

SECTION 2 – IDENTIFIED RILLS AND GULLIES

In 2021, two areas have been identified for the repair of rilling and/or gullies. Please see Map 1 for location of identified rills and gullies. Actual locations are not shown due to the small size of the identified rills and gullies.

SECTION 3 – MITIGATION MEASURES

Area 1 is located in reclamation block EP056 on the south side of the East Pit Ditch. The rill will be repaired this year.

Area 2 is located in the north reach of reclamation block ST001. The rill will be repaired this year.

SECTION 4 – TIMELINES FOR REPAIR

As noted in Volume 1, Section 4.14.6 in Permit No. C-1981-019, all areas will be repaired within three months of being identified. The areas will be repaired by August 31, 2021.