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**Re: Partial Phase II and III Bond Release Application SL-7, Bowie Resources, LLC, Bowie No. 1 Mine, C-1981-038**

Dear Mr. Stark,

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Branch's (DFB) receipt and review of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (DRMS) June 15, 2021 Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance pertaining to Bowie Resources, LLC's (Bowie) SL-7 partial Phase II and III bond release application. OSMRE agrees with the proposed decision and hereby provides concurrence in accordance with 30 CFR 740.15 (d)(3) and 30 CFR 906.30, Article IX, Section 24 of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

The surface and mineral ownership associated with this bond release is federal and private. By email received on April 8, 2021, DRMS invited OSMRE to attend the bond release inspection on May 6, 2021. OSMRE participated in the inspection. Although the BLM was notified of the inspection, it could not attend. By letter signed June 23, 2021, BLM provided its concurrence with DRMS's proposed decision. OSMRE interprets this to mean Bowie is in compliance with all stipulations associated with its federal surface use agreements and coal lease stipulations.

DRMS's proposed decision notes Bowie's compliance with the approved Colorado regulatory program at Rules 3.03.1(2)(b) and (c) and recommends authorizing partial Phase II and III bond release on 10.38 acres. DRMS currently holds a performance bond in the amount of \$6,879,590.12 which covers the entire permit area, including the acreage proposed for release. Under SL-7, DRMS proposes to release a total of \$50,653.84 from Phase II and III bond liability. DFB concurs with DRMS's proposed decision and recommends Phase II and III bond release for the requested areas at the Bowie No. 1 Mine.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this bond release action through the DFB. Please direct any questions to Dan MacKinnon, Natural Resources Specialist, at [dmackinnon@osmre.gov](mailto:dmackinnon@osmre.gov) or (970) 310-5993.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Bowie Resources, LLC