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Mr. Dustin Czapla  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Subject: C-LP-21 Mine - File No. M1977-305, Highbury Resources Inc.  
Surety Release Request Application Submittal to Colorado Division of  
Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Dear Mr. Czapla:

This letter is in response to the request from Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) for comments related to Highbury Resources, Inc. application requesting Surety Release filed on November 30, 2021 for the C-LP-21 mine permit (M1977-305). The C-LP-21 mine is located on Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM) lease tract C-LP-21.

LM's Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) personnel performed oversight and approved reclamation of this mine by the former lessee during the months of August and September 1999. Since that time ULP personnel have performed both formal and informal inspections on at least a bi-annual basis, including the procedural inspection required by DRMS in response to a Surety Release on November 9, 2021.

As documented in the ULP annual inspections performed in conjunction with DRMS, this mine site has been and continues to remain in acceptable condition. The main portal has been securely backfilled and the ventilation shafts remain securely closed with polyurethane plugs beneath backfill. The waste rock pile is a lone feature isolated from nearby drainages and has been recontoured and stabilized to prevent erosion. The native vegetation on the reclaimed area adequately stabilizes the slopes of the waste rock pile and has established grasses and other desirable forb species and is contrasted by mature sagebrush of the undisturbed surrounding area.

The mine site appears to be in compliance with all stipulations and environmental requirements of our lease. LM does not have any additional comments or concerns regarding release of this mine permit.



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Sincerely,

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