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Mr. Dustin Czapla
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Subject: C-CM-25 Mine - File No. M1977-307, 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-CM-25 mine permit (M1977-307). The C-CM-25 mine is located on Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM) lease tract C-CM-25.

LM's Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) personnel performed oversight and approved the initial reclamation of this mine by the former lessee during March and April 1999. Since that time ULP personnel have performed both formal and informal inspections of this mine on at least a bi-annual basis, including the procedural inspection required by DRMS in response to this Surety Release request 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 and ventilation shafts are securely backfilled. The waste rock pile has been recontoured and stabilized in a way to prevent erosion. The native vegetation on the reclaimed area adequately stabilizes the slopes of the waste rock piles and has established both greater density and diversity of desirable species as compared to the 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.



Please contact me at (720) 880-4352 or Deborah.Barr@lm.doe.gov, or Miquette Gerber of my contractor staff at (703) 244-1613 or Miquette.Gerber@lm.doe.gov, if you have any questions. Please send any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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