



June 14, 2022

Mr. Zach Trujillo  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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  
2022 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 2022 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,

DocuSigned by:  
A blue ink signature of Chris Gilbreath, written in a cursive style.  
D250C711D0BF450...

Chris Gilbreath  
Senior Manager,  
Remediation and Reclamation

CG:TT:der

Enclosure

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)  
File: Colowyo CF 17.22  
G471-11.3(21)h-1



# 2022 Rill and Gully Report

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

June 14, 2022

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION..... 2

SECTION 2 – IDENTIFIED RILLS AND GULLIES..... 2

SECTION 3 – MITIGATION MEASURES ..... 2

SECTION 4 – TIMELINES FOR REPAIR ..... 2

## **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 2022, several areas have been identified for the repair of rilling and/or gullies. Due to the small nature of the rills identified they have not been mapped out for reference. Nonetheless, please refer to the Exhibit 2 in the 2021 Annual Reclamation Report Map for the reclamation unit locations listed below which corresponds to the areas the rills identified in this report are located.

## **SECTION 3 – MITIGATION MEASURES**

Rill 1 located in reclamation block EP058 on the south side of the Final East Pit Ditch. The rill will be repaired this year.

Rill 2 located in reclamation block EP057 on the south side of the Final East Pit Ditch. The rill will be repaired this year.

Rill 3 located in reclamation block EP051 below NTEP 1 on the North Tributary East Pit Ditch. The rill will be repaired this year.

Rill 4 located in reclamation block EP052 above PD1, south side of Prospect Ditch. The rill will be repaired this year.

Rill 5 located in reclamation block EP052 below PD1, north side of Prospect Ditch. 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, 2022.