



December 9, 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 Mine
Permit No. C-1981-019
Valley Fill Inspection Report
Fourth Quarter 2022

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 on behalf of Colowyo is submitting the Little Collom Valley Fill Certification for the fourth quarter of 2022.

If you should have any additional questions regarding the South Taylor Fill certifications, please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232.

Sincerely,

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Chris Gilbreath
Senior Manager
Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosure

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)
File: CF 24.20.03
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Little Collom Valley Fill Inspection Certification

On December 6, 2022, I inspected the Little Collom Valley Fill, identified on Maps 23B and 29C of the approved permit. The purpose of this inspection was to observe the status of the fill placement. This inspection is necessary to satisfy the requirements of CDRMS Rule 4.09.1(1)(c) and Rule 4.09.1(11). Weather conditions at the time of inspection were approximately 30°F and overcast.

In my opinion, the Little Collom Valley fill is currently stable, with no structural weakness, signs of instability or other hazards noted. The Little Collom Valley fill has a subdrain system running the length of the fill. Design criteria for the subdrain can be found in Exhibit 23 of CDRMS Permit C-1981-019. Visible water was discharging from the toe, indicating the subdrain is working.

I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado. Being familiar with the Colowyo operation, and relying on the information provided to me by Colowyo Personnel, the construction activities related to the West and East Taylor Fill are in conformance, to the best of my knowledge and experience, as specified in the Introductory pages and the associated reports found in Exhibit 23, and other applicable requirements of the approved permit documents, a portion of CDRMS Permit C-1981-019.

