



June 8, 2023

Mr. Zach Trujillo
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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
2023 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 2023 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 please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232.

Sincerely,

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Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosure

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)
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2023 Rill and Gully Report

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

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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

Rills and gullies forming in reclamation areas are mitigated 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 reclamation areas are visually inspected and rills and gullies identified.

This report provides a summary of any identified rills and gullies, 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 2023, 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 2022 Annual Reclamation Report Map for the reclamation unit locations listed below which corresponds to the areas the rills and gullies have been identified.

SECTION 3 – RILL AND GULLY LOCATIONS

Rill 1 located in reclamation block EP058 on the south side of the Final East Pit Ditch.

Rill 2 located in reclamation block EP059 on the south side of the Final East Pit Ditch.

Rill 3 located in reclamation block EP051 just south of Reach 1 of Prospect Ditch.

Rill 4 located in reclamation block WP019 north of the East Taylor Ditch on a contour ditch.

Rill 5 located in reclamation block WP014 and WP015 where water left the lower portion of the East Taylor Ditch.

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 noted above will be repaired by August 31, 2022.