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## Apex Lode SL-2 Release Approval Document

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Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 10:28 AM

To: George Strong &lt;gpsales20@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Sara Stevenson-Benn - DNR &lt;sara.stevenson-benn@state.co.us&gt;, joseph.fazzi@usda.gov, Travis Marshall - DNR &lt;travis.marshall@state.co.us&gt;

Good morning Mr. Strong,

Attached with this email is the Document containing the Division's decision to approve the release request for the Apex Lode. The 30 day comment period has started for any parties that may be interested in appealing our decision. There have been no indications that there will be an appeal to your release request. Once the 30 day period has ended our Financial Warranty Specialist, Sara Stevenson-Benn, will work with you to get you bond with the State released. I have CC'd Sara with this email to make an introduction. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Congratulations on the Successful completion of the reclamation of your site.

Sincerely,

**Clayton Wein****Environmental Protection Specialist****COLORADO**  
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February 9, 2024

George p. Strong  
Strong Mining Company  
1505 East 12th Street  
Rifle, CO 81650

**Re: Apex Lode - File No. M-2014-011**  
**Strong Mining Company**  
**Surety Release Request (SL-2)**  
**Full/Final Release**

Dear George P. Strong:

On February 9, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on January 25, 2024, addressing the following:

Strong Mining Company requested the full and final release for the Apex Lode. Strong Mining Company has completed all phases of the reclamation plan within the 3.0 acre permit area and outlined in the M-2014-011 permit reclamation plan.

The decision reached by the Division is: Approve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety elected to release Strong Mining Company from further responsibility for the Apex Lode. This site is released in its entirety. You should advise the issuer of your bond of this release by copy of this letter. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warranty on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Strong Mining Company for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8185, or by email at Clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Clayton C. Wein  
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Travis Marshall, DRMS

