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County of Lancaster

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
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Lancaster County  
My commission expires March 30, 2027  
Commission Number 1342120

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 10/03/2024



Notary Public  
Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Seneca Property, LLC, 29515 Routt County Road 27, Oak Creek, Colorado 80467, has requested final release of Liability on the remaining 107.9 acres of its reclaimed lands at the Seneca II West Mine (CDRMS Permit No. C 1982-057, approved December 31, 1985).

The Seneca II-West Mine is located approximately seven miles south of the Town of Hayden, Colorado, off of Routt County Road 53. The specific area to which this bond release request applies is included within the Permit Area located as follows:

T5N, R88W  
Section 9 : Portions of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , & W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 10: S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Portions of S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 11: Portions of S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 14: Portions of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , & S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 15: ALL  
Section 16: Portions of W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 21: Portions of E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 22: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Portions of N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , & SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 23: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 26: W $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ , & Portions of W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 27: E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 34: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , & Portions of N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 35: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , & Portions of N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$

All located west of the 6th Principal Meridian; totaling 3,878.5 acres, of which 107.9 acres for final release are requested in the Bond Release Application (SL-8). The USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle maps for Hayden Gulch, Dunckley and Mt. Harris contain the described affected area.

A Corporate Surety Bond in the amount of \$ 316,698.60 is currently in place and its entirety is being requested for release. Pursuant to Rule 3.01.1, a permittee may request Phase I bond Release upon successful completion of backfilling, regarding, and drainage control in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. A permittee may request Phase II bond Release upon the establishment of vegetation which supports the approved postmining land use and which meets the approved success standard for cover, pursuant to Rule 4.15.8. A permittee may request Phase III Bond Release upon completion of all surface mining operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, and the final inspection and procedures of Rule 3.03.2 have been satisfied, achieving postmining land used of Rangeland. Phase III shall not be released prior to a ten year liability period specified for vegetation responsibility and success. The portion of the mine for which Bond Release is being requested consists of permanent roads, permanent ponds, and successfully reclaimed areas. Reclamation of the disturbed mining areas and demolition of non-permanent structures occurred throughout the reclamation phases from 1993 through 2013. The approved reclamation plan can be viewed in its entirety in the Seneca II West Mine Permit Application Package located at the Twentymile Mine Office, Oak Creek, Colorado.

A copy of the SL-8 bond release application is available for public inspection at the Twentymile Mine Office, 29515 Routt County Road 27, Oak Creek, Colorado 80467. Written comments or objections or requests for public hearing or informal conference concerning this application may be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203-2273, (303) 866-3567. Comments must be received within 30 days of the last publication of this notice or within 30 days of the onsite inspection, whichever is later.

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