



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

April 8, 2025

Tony Tennyson
Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
5731 State Highway 13
Meeker, CO 81641

Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
Technical Revision No. 166 (TR-166)
Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division received Colowyo's adequacy review response letter dated April 8, 2025. After reviewing TR-166 from Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo), the Division has the following comments:

2. The Division has performed a reclamation cost estimate to reclaim areas within the Colowyo site that are impacted by the proposed Reclamation Plan revisions. The updated value of this estimate will be incorporated into the Midterm 9 (MT-9) cost estimate. The Division respectfully requests a response from Colowyo with any questions regarding the cost estimate (attached below) or an acceptance of the Division's estimate. **Response:** *Tri-State has reviewed the Division's reclamation cost estimate which revises tasks associated with the wildlife seed mixture proposed under TR-166. The Division indicates that these costs will be reflected in the upcoming Midterm (MT-9) cost estimate. Given this approach, Tri-State does not concur with the reclamation cost estimate presented under TR-166. Because the Division is planning to include these updated costs in MT-9, the reclamation cost estimate provided under TR-166 should not include "Indirect Costs", as "Indirect Costs" will be captured in the larger reclamation cost estimate that the Division is considering under MT-9. The correct reflection of the reclamation cost estimate for TR-166 that should be included in MT-9 when issued is \$822,556.00.*

Response: The Division agrees with Tri-State's above comments. The corrected amount to be incorporated into the MT-9 bond update will be \$822,556.00 for changes related to TR-166. The Division respectfully requests a response from Colowyo with any questions regarding the cost estimate (attached below) or an acceptance of the Division's estimate.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or hunter.ridley@state.co.us

Sincerely,
Hunter C. Ridley



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