



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

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**Re: Coal Exploration No. X-2006-223-07  
Request for Bond Release SL2  
Final Decision**

Dear Mr. Smith

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (Division) issued a proposed decision for the above referenced Bond Release on March 17, 2025. The public notice for the proposed decision ran in the *Delta County Independent* on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The public notice initiated a thirty-day public comment period from the date of the final publication that parties having objections or concerns could submit their concerns to the Division regarding the proposed bond release. No comments were received by the Division during the comment period.

The Division's decision to approve the full release of coal exploration reclamation liability of Oxbow Mining, LLC for Notice of Intent to Conduct Coal Exploration, NOI No. X-2006-223-07 is now considered final.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-903-4456 or [elliott.russell@state.co.us](mailto:elliott.russell@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

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