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Annual Reclamation Report Adequacy Review

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To: "Tennyson, Tony" <tony.tennyson@tristategt.org>

Fri, May 9, 2025 at 7:50 AM

Tony,

Please find attached the Division's review letter for the 2023/2024 Annual Reclamation Report. Please let me know if you have any questions as you review the letter.

Best,
Hunter Ridley (she/her/hers)
Environmental Protection Specialist I



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

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
2023/2024 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) Review**

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the 2023 and 2024 ARR for the Colowyo Mine (Colowyo) in the context of Rule 2.04.13 (Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining), Colowyo's approved PAP and previous Colowyo ARRs. The Division has the following comments:

When reviewing the 2024 ARR Report Form (Figure 2-1 in Colowyo 2024 ARR), there appears to be some discrepancies in the acreages reported.

1. There are two mathematical errors on the ARR Report Form under the 'Acres Seeded' section. Last Year's Cumulative Total (617.9) plus Acres Added (10.9) equals 628.8, not 628.6 as reported. As a result, the third cumulative total, currently reported as 1,966.6, should be 1,966.8 after the first stated update is made. Please revise these numbers and submit an updated Figure 2-1.
2. The sum of the cumulative total for Acreage in Active Mining Areas, Acres Backfilled and Graded, and Totals for Acreage in Long-term Facilities must match the Acres Disturbed. This Cumulative Total Acres Disturbed number will need to be updated once the revisions referenced in Adequacy item #1 are addressed. Please be sure to include this on the revised Figure 2-1 Form.
3. The 2023 ARR Figure 2-1 states that total acres seeded and total acres bond released have been decreased to account for re-disturbance of areas for the construction of an access road in East Pit. It is the Division's understanding that this East Pit access road disturbance is that which was approved under TR-159 in preparation for construction of the Upper and Lower Section 3 Ponds. The Section 3 Ponds were eventually constructed in 2024.

Please clarify for the Division if the 2023 ARR Figure 2-1 Acres Seeded and Bond Release section numbers account for construction of the Section 3 Ponds which, according to the 2023 ARR Map, re-disturbed areas in two East Pit reclamation parcels which were previously Phase III released. If the 2023 ARR Figure 2-1 numbers do not account for the Section 3 Ponds construction, please revise the numbers in the *2024 ARR Figure 2-1* to account for this re-disturbance.



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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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hunter Ridley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'R'.

Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Zach Trujillo, DRMS