



July 10, 2025

Ms. Hunter Ridley
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Department of Natural Resources
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**RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Points of Compliance Wells Notification**

Dear Ms. Ridely,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Axial Basin Coal Company, which is the general partner to Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo). Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of Colowyo, and in accordance with Rule 4.05.13(1)(c)(i), is providing this notification for elevated sampling result at a point of compliance well LGSW-1 for Colowyo.

Alluvial well LGSW-1 was sampled on June 18, 2025, and analytical results were received from the laboratory on July 9, 2025. Table 16 in Volume 2C, Exhibit 7, Item 19 provides the applicable ground water standards for Colowyo. Per the analytical results received, a parameter at LGSW-1 exceeded the permit standard as presented on the following table.

Sampling Location	Parameter	March 12, 2025 Analytical Results	Table 16 Standard
LGSW-1	TDS	1,930 mg/l	1,840 mg/l

Comparing upgradient wells A-6 (above all mining activities) and NGSW (upgradient from LGSW-1) to LGSW-1 for the same sampling event, A-6 sampling results for TDS were 726 mg/l, and NGSW results were 1,970 mg/l.

Colowyo has one upgradient sediment pond (Prospect Pond) that discharges to the main stem of Good Spring Creek and another upgradient sediment pond (Section 28) that discharges to a tributary of Good Spring Creek on the Upper West Fork of Good Spring Creek. Prospect Pond has not discharged since the spring of 2024, and Section 28 has never recorded a measurable discharge since it was constructed.

The upgradient comparison to NGSW indicates that alluvial ground water upgradient of LGSW-1 was higher for TDS than recorded at LGSW-1 on the same sampling day. Colowyo's sediment ponds upgradient from LGSW-1 were not discharging before or during the sampling event and there is not a groundwater connection from mining and reclamation areas to alluvial groundwater on Good Spring Creek. Impacts to Good Spring Creek from Colowyo can only occur from discharges from Colowyo's sediment ponds. Given these facts, the elevated TDS results from the June 18 sampling event cannot be attributed to Colowyo's mining or reclamation activities.



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If you should have any additional questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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