



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

July 10, 2025

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

Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
Surety Release Request No. 24 (SL-24)
Adequacy Review #2

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division has reviewed the adequacy review response for SL-24 submitted by Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo) and has the following comments:

1. **Colowyo's Response:** *Colowyo agrees with the Division's assessment that Area 1 was already Phase I released under approval granted under the SL-13 application. Colowyo apologizes for the oversight including Area 1 in the SL-24 application. The Division states that acreage from Area 1 can be released under SL-24. Colowyo disagrees with the approach as that acreage has already been Phase I released under SL-13. If the Division approves additional acreage to be Phase I released under SL-24 for Area 1, the acreage associated with it will be duplicated. Therefore, Colowyo suggests the Division remove Area 1 from the total acreage that is proposed to be released under SL-24.*

Response: The Division agrees with Colowyo's conclusion in the above response. Acreage associated with Area 1 will be removed from the Division's proposed release acreage amount under SL-24. The current lack of reclamation line item tasks for Area 1 in Colowyo's MT-9 bond calculation will be rectified under the ongoing SI2 revision.

2. **Colowyo's Response:** *The Division is incorrectly applying Exhibit 13C to Area 4 proposed for Phase I released under SL-24. Exhibit 13C was developed and approved when Colowyo commenced ground disturbing activities related to the development of the Collom Pit and associated infrastructure. As shown on Map 13C-2 Sheet 2, the areas bonded for under Exhibit 13C do not include Area 4 as applied for under SL-24. Area 4 was disturbed historically when Colowyo originally commenced mining operations at the site. Colowyo proposes to the Division that the acreages associated with Area 4 are proposed for Phase I release, and the Division does not include any monetary release in the proposed decision for these areas. Colowyo will work with the Division through the current surety increase process to capture the reclamation costs associated with Area 4. As discussed with the Division via email, Area 2 can be addressed for monetary costs from Tasks 415, 416, and 453 of the reclamation cost estimate for Colowyo.*

Response: The Division concurs with the above comments. No further response is necessary.



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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



Environmental Protection Specialist

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