

**TRI-STATE**

September 15, 2025

Ms. Hunter Ridley  
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 Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety  
 Department of Natural Resources  
 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
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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 an elevated sampling result at a point of compliance well LSGG-1 for Colowyo.

Alluvial well LGSW-1 was sampled on August 20, 2025, and analytical results were received from the laboratory on September 11, 2025. Table 16 in Volume 2C, Exhibit 7, Item 19 provides the applicable ground water standards for LGSW-1. Per the analytical results received, a parameter at LGSW-1 exceeded the permit standard as presented on the following table.

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>March 12, 2025 Analytical Results</b>	<b>Table 16 Standard</b>
LGSW-1	TDS	2,000 mg/l	1,840 mg/l

Comparing upgradient well NGSW sampling results to LGSW-1, the TDS results for NGSW on the sampling date were 1,970 mg/l (also above the Table 16 standard). The upgradient from mining well A-6 was not evaluated for this notification as sampling results from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were not available as of this date of notification.

Evaluation of surface water sampling result for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 at LGSC (downgradient of reclamation areas), NUGSC (downgradient of reclamation areas), and UWFGSC (upgradient of mining and reclamation areas), TDS results for an August 18, 2025 sample were 2,670 mg/l, 1,1520 mg/l, and 866 mg/l respectively. This indicates that TDS in surface water was increasing from upgradient to downgradient and influencing elevated TDS in the alluvium on Good Spring Creek.

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 Pond) that discharges to a tributary of Good Spring Creek on the Upper West Fork of Good Spring Creek. The upgradient sediment ponds have not discharged to date in 2025, further Section 28 Pond has discharged one time since it was placed into service in 2007; therefore, the elevated TDS on Good Spring Creek in both the surface water and alluvium should not be attributed to discharges from Colowyo's sediment ponds.



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Moreover, the Good Springs watershed is large and Colowyo's discharges, when occurring, are directly attributed to precipitation events, typically snow melt events, and are a small portion of the overall watershed for Good Springs. Other activities occur within the Good Springs watershed including agriculture and ranching. Further, other unknown causes from tributaries to Good Spring Creek could be a contributing factor to elevated TDS on Good Spring Creek due to the large extent of the total watershed that reports to Good Spring Creek.

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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