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July 18, 2013

Jeffrey W. Fleischman Office of Surface Mining Western Regional Coordinating Center 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Seneca II-W Mine (Permit No. C-1982-057) Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Seneca Coal Company, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Seneca II-W Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on July 18, 2013. The surface ownership is Federal, state and private, and the coal mined was Federal.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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