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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Peabody Sage Creek Mine (Permit No. C-2009-087)
Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1)**

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 1 at the Peabody Sage Creek Mine. This decision will become final at the close of the thirty (30) day public comment period, which commences with the initial publication in the *Steamboat Pilot*. A copy of the proposed decision and written findings is enclosed.

Since this mine is a federal mine, our decision is subject to the concurrence of OSM, and the signature of an authorized OSM representative is required for release of the bond. Therefore, the Division respectfully requests that OSM notify the Division of concurrence or nonconcurrence prior to the end of the public comment period, in accordance with the agreement dated June 30, 1997, Procedures for Cooperating State and Federal Agencies to Provide Mutual Concurrence on the Release of Performance Bonds from Federal Lands Coal Mining Operations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick".

Jason D. Musick
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Enclosure

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