

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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August 29, 2013

Chris McCourt
Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
5731 State Highway 13
Meeker, CO 81641

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
Bond Release Application No. 7 (SL-7)**

Dear Mr. McCourt:

The Division has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 7 (SL-7) for the Colowyo Coal Mine. Enclosed is the Division's decision form and written findings. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Craig Daily Press*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty-day public comment period. If there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing within the thirty days, the decision will become final.

As provided by Rule 3.03.2(6), should you object to the Division's proposed decision, you may request an adjudicatory hearing.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. Zuber".

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
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Enclosures

C-SL-07



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COAL MINING PERMIT - BOND RELEASE DECISION

Colowyo Coal Mine, Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Permit No. C-1981-019

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become final in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3.03.2(5)(b).

Bond Release No. 7

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: April 2, 2013

Decision Date: August 29, 2013

Description of Release: Phase I Bond Release

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: August 29, 2013

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: 0.00	Disturbed: 5,876.50	Prior Liability: \$364,423,961.85
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 5,876.50	Change in Liability: (\$727,269.00)
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 29,075.74	Revised Liability: \$363,696,692.85
State: 0.00	State: 1,277.00	Bond Held: \$80,517,829.00
Federal: 0.00	Federal: 4,815.37	
Private: 0.00	Private: 22,983.37	

SL-7 RELEASED ACREAGE REMAINING IN PERMIT BOUNDARY

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Disturbed	125.20	0.00	0.00
Affected	125.20	0.00	0.00

Permitted	125.20	0.00	0.00
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REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

NA

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

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REVISED MAPS

NA

DELETED MAPS

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