

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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Governor

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Executive Director

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**Re: Peabody Sage Creek Mine (Permit No. C-2009-087)  
Bond Release Application No. 2 (SL-2)**

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Peabody Sage Creek Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on September 4, 2013. The SL-2 submittal is a bond release request on the remaining Pre-Law area at the Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC, Peabody Sage Creek Mine, Permit No C-2009-087. The Pre-Law area was originally mined by Seneca Coal Company and was a surface type mine with non-federal surface. Coal production in the Pre-Law area ceased in 1976. The 68.8 acres associated with the Pre-Law areas was reclaimed from the beginning of mining in 1972 through August 3, 1977. The surface ownership is Federal, state and private, and the coal mined was Federal, state and private.

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,

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

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