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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James Viellenave
AUC LLC, Reno Creek
1536 Cole Blvd., Suite 230
Lakewood, CO 80401

RE: Technical Review for Permit to Mine Application, AUC LLC, Reno Creek ISR Project, TFN 5 4/150

Dear Mr. Viellenave:

The Land Quality Division (LQD) staff has completed technical review of the Reno Creek ISR Project Permit to Mine Application. All outstanding comments have been addressed. This letter declares this Permit to Mine Application *technically adequate* and suitable for Public Notice and filing with the County Clerk per W.S. § 35-11-406(j).

AUC LLC shall publish two (2) notices of the pending Permit to Mine Application in a newspaper of general circulation in Campbell County, WY commencing within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter. The two notices, one for the pending mining operation and one for the proposed groundwater classification and aquifer exemption, shall be run concurrently. The public notice for the pending mining operation shall run once a week over four (4) consecutive weeks with a 30 day comment period after the last publication. The public notice for the proposed groundwater classification and aquifer exemption shall be run once a week for one (1) week with the comment period ending 30 days from the day of publication. Per Noncoal SOP No. 1.4, the notices must be mailed to all surface owners of record of the land within the proposed permit area, to surface owners of record of immediately adjacent lands, and to any surface owners within one-half (½) mile of the proposed permit area. Proof of notice and sworn statement of mailing shall be submitted to the DEQ LQD District III office to become part of the application. It should be understood that neither the Clerk filing nor the public notice in any way constitute tentative or preliminary approval of this Permit to Mine application.



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Attached is Format No.6 for your use in executing the Public Notice and Filing and includes the following:

1. Instructions for filing with the Campbell County Clerk and proof of filing, newspaper publication and proof of publication, and required mailings and proof of mailing;
2. Sample formats for the Publication. Please note that two public notice formats are provided; one associated with the pending LQD Permit to Mine application and one associated with the WQD proposed groundwater classification and aquifer exemption. These notices are to run concurrently in the same newspaper starting on the same day.
3. Sample format for the Affidavit of Notice

If you have any questions, please contact me at the LQD Sheridan Office, 307- 675-5619.

Sincerely,



Luke McMahan P.G.
Project Geologist

Attachment: LQD Format No. 6

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