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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Availability of Proposed Decision to Approve, With Stipulations, Major Modification of Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan for Public Review, Northern Coal Co. -- Rienau No. 2 Mine

ACTION: Availability, for Public Review, of Proposed Decision to Approve, with Stipulations, a Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Sec. 211.5 of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining has performed a technical review of a mining and reclamation plan and has recommended approval of the proposed plan contingent on the applicant's acceptance of stipulations. The proposed coal mining operation is described below.

The mine is located approximate 40 miles south of Craig, Colorado and about eight miles north of Meeker. The proposed operation involves underground mining and subsequent reclamation on about 123 acres of the total lease area of 480 acres. The mine is presently under OSM enforcement orders to obtain approval of the mine plan. The operation includes a coal load-out facility located immediately south of Craig, Colorado. The proposal addresses single seam room and pillar mining on the advance (designed to protect overlying coal seams), surface operations, and surface drainage control at both the mine and at the coal load-out facility.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining, has recommended, based on staff reviews and the reviews of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Mined Land Reclamation Division, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Geological Survey, approval of the coal mining and reclamation plan, subject to stipulations which must be accepted by the applicant in order for the approval to take effect. Any persons having an interest which is or may be adversely affected by recommended approval, may, in writing, request a public meeting to discuss their views regarding the plan. The availability of the mining and reclamation plan for the Rienau No. 2 Mine was announced in the Federal Register on March 6, 1979.

Applicant

Mine name

Location of lands to be affected by modification

State

County

Northern Coal Company

Rienau No. 2

Colorado

Pio Blanco and Moffat

Office of Surface Mining Reference No.: CO-0008.

Township, range, section

T. 2 N., R. 93 W.; 29, 32; T. 6 N., R. 90 W.; 1.

DATES: All requests for a public meeting must be made within 20 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. No decision on the plan will be made by the Assistant Secretary, Energy and Minerals, prior to the expiration of the 20-day period.

The mining and reclamation plan, the OSM staff analysis and proposed stipulations are available for review in the Region V Office of Surface Mining. Requests for a public meeting must be submitted in writing to the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining, Room 219, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Requests must include the name and address of the requestor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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