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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

Northern Coal Company -- Rienau No. 2 Mine, Rio Blanco and Moffat County, Colorado; Availability of Proposed Decision To Approve, With Stipulations, Major Modification of Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan for Public Review [Federal, Coal Leases No. D-044240, C-076713]

ACTION:

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 211.5 of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining has received sufficient information to constitute a mining and reclamation plan. The proposed coal mining operation is described below.

LOCATION OF LANDS TO BE AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION

Applicant: Northern Coal Company

Mine Name: Rienau No. 2.

State: Colorado.

County, Rio Blanco and Moffat.

Township, Range, Section: T2N, R93W; 29, 32; T6N, R90W; 1.

Office of Surface Mining Reference No: CO-0008.

The mine is located approximately 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 490 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 proposed 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.

This notice is issued at this time for the convenience of the public. The Office of Surface Mining has not yet determined whether the proposed plan is technically adequate. Any additional information obtained during the course of the review will also be available for public review.

No action with respect to approval of any such plan shall be taken by the Regional Director for a period of 30 days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, (April 5, 1979). At the time of recommending a final decision regarding the proposed mining and reclamation, the Office of Surface Mining will issue a Notice of Pending Decision, pursuant to Sec. 211.5(c)(2) of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations.

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