



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
Western Region Office
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050



May 25, 2018

RE: **Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the San Juan Mine Deep Lease Extension Mining Plan Modification**

Dear Interested Party,

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzes the impacts of the San Juan Coal Company's (SJCC) proposed Deep Lease Extension (DLE) at the existing underground San Juan Mine, located near Waterflow, New Mexico (NM) (see attached Figure). The San Juan Mine supplies the San Juan Generating Station with coal and the proposed action would extend mining operations through 2033. The Draft EIS analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed underground mining operations, alternatives, and the potential coal combustion related impacts at the San Juan Generating Station.

You may view information about the proposed project and download the Draft EIS at the following OSMRE website: <https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/sanJuanMine.shtm>

OSMRE is soliciting public comments on the Draft EIS. We must receive your electronic or written comments by **July 9, 2018**. Comments may be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the information below. At the top of your letter or in the subject line of your e-mail message, please indicate that the comments are "San Juan Draft EIS Comments."

- E-mail comments should be sent to: osm-nepa-nm@osmre.gov
- Comments delivered by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or by courier service must be delivered by **July 9, 2018**, and should be sent to:

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OSMRE is hosting five public meetings where you can learn more about the proposed project/alternatives, Draft EIS, and submit a written or oral comment. These meetings will be open-house style with information stations around the meeting room that provide overviews of the Project, NEPA process, analysis of resources/issues in the Draft EIS, and how to submit a comment. Subject matter experts will be present to discuss the Draft EISs and answer your questions. There will be oral and written comments stations at the meetings where you can submit comments. A translator fluent in Ute will be present at the Towaoc meeting and a translator fluent in Navajo will be present at the Shiprock meeting.



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The public comment meetings will be held at the following locations and dates/times:

- On Monday, June 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center at 2401 12th St. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- On Tuesday, June 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington City Civic Center at 200 West Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.
- On Wednesday, June 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ute Community Center at 785 Sunset Blvd., Towaoc, Colorado.
- On Thursday, June 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Shiprock High School approximately a half-mile west on US-64 from US-491 in Shiprock, New Mexico.
- On Friday, June 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Durango Community Recreation Center at 2700 Main Avenue, Durango, Colorado.

For further information about the Project, NEPA Process, or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact: Gretchen Pinkham, OSMRE Project Manager, at 303-293-5088 or osm-nepa-nm@osmre.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shaeffer

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Dated: May 25, 2018

