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RE: Availability of the Record of Decision for the San Juan Mine Deep Lease Extension Mining Plan Modification Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Interested Party,

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the San Juan Coal Company's proposed mining plan modification for the Deep Lease Extension (DLE) at the existing underground San Juan Mine, located near Waterflow, New Mexico. The Final EIS was released on March 15, 2019 and analyzed 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.

The Final EIS and ROD can be viewed/downloaded at the following OSMRE website: <https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/sanJuanMine.shtm>.

As shown in the flow diagram below depicting the NEPA process for the San Juan Mine EIS, a ROD includes the Agency's decision and represents the conclusion of the process.



As result of the NEPA process, OSMRE will be recommending to the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Land and Minerals that Alternative B be approved. Alternative B assumes continued mining operations at San Juan Mine with the scheduled shutdown of the San Juan Generating Station in 2022. Thank you for your interest in this NEPA process.

Sincerely,

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Dated: April 25, 2019