

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Under Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.; SMCRA), the Denver Field Division of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) gives notice of the availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) addressing an environmental assessment (EA) for an abandoned mine land reclamation project in Boulder County, Colorado.

This action covers the Banner Shaft Grouting abandoned mine land reclamation project, which will abate three hazardous features near the cities of Erie and Lafayette. The hazardous features consist of three shafts that unexpectedly collapsed, causing large sinkholes on the surface. The shafts are associated with the Boulder-Weld Coal Field, a large producer of coal from the 1880s to the 1930s. The project is located on privately owned and state-owned lands. The project will include drilling and pressure grouting the shafts from the mine floor to the surface to prevent or reduce future subsidence. Any surface disturbances attributable to the project will be revegetated. OSMRE is providing funding to the Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program to complete this reclamation.

Complete copies of the Environmental Assessment and FONSI are available at the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region, Denver Field Division, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado, 80202-3050. They also are available at the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Inactive Mine Reclamation Program, 1313 Sherman Street, #215, Denver, Colorado, 80203.