

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 40, Section 1506.6 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) Denver Field Branch gives notice of the availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared in response to our receipt and analysis of the Big Bend Spring Collection project Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA examines potential environmental impacts related to an Abandoned Mine Land (AML) reclamation project in Emery County, Utah.

The Big Bend Spring Collection AML project involves relocating and reconstructing spring collection boxes contaminated by iron-oxidizing bacteria which stem from coal waste associated with the nearby abandoned Helco Mine in Emery County, Utah. The work would include access road construction, site clearing, and excavation; construction of gravel collection trenches and placement of concrete manholes; construction of a cable-supported pipeline creek crossing; and fencing. The project area is approximately 2.5 acres and situated on private and federal (Bureau of Land Management) property. OSMRE is providing funding to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program to complete this project.

Complete copies of the EA and FONSI are available at the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region, Denver Field Branch, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado, 80202 and the Utah Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114.