

ATTACHMENT 1



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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. William K. Honker
Director, Water Quality Protection Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
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**Re Objection to EPA Region 6 Notice to Terminate Permit
 Lee Ranch Coal Company El Segundo Mine - NPDES Permit No. NM0030996**

Dear Mr. Honker:

The Lee Ranch Coal Company ("LRCC") hereby objects to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6's notice of termination, dated May 6, 2015, of the above-referenced National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit (the "Permit"). LRCC objects to the Permit being terminated or withdrawn and desires to maintain the Permit, which was renewed by Region 6 on September 30, 2014 (subject to its petition before the EPA Environmental Appeals Board, NPDES Appeal No. 14-04). Region 6's attempt to terminate or withdraw the permit is improper and without merit. Accordingly, in accordance with this objection, LRCC understands that the Permit remains in effect and is not void.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 928-913-9202.

Sincerely,

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Director, Environmental Services Southwest
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