

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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May 6, 2015

Brian P. Dunfee, Director Lee Ranch Coal Company El Segundo Mine P.O. Box 757 Grants, NM 87020

VIA EMAIL

Re:

Application to Discharge to Waters of the United States NPDES Permit No. NM0030996,

Lee Ranch Coal Company - El Segundo Mine

Dear Mr. Dunfee:

EPA Region 6 has reviewed Lee Ranch Coal Company's (LRCC) Petition for Review (petition) of the above-referenced permit (permit) filed with the Environmental Appeals Board of the Environmental Protection Agency on November 3, 2014. After consultation with EPA Region 6 lawyers, EPA Region 6 has determined that it is appropriate to terminate LRCC's permit due to the lack of evidence of a discharge, or the elimination of all discharges, that may result in the addition of any pollutant to waters of the United States. You are hereby notified that your above-referenced permit has been discontinued and is now void. EPA Region 6 is also unilaterally withdrawing this permit in its entirety.

Any resumption of the discharge or any new discharge from your facility without a permit will be unlawful. Should you again propose to discharge any pollutants from this facility to waters of the United States, it will be necessary to file a new NPDES permit application at least 180 days in advance of the proposed discharge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Brown at the above address or telephone (214) 665-8141.

Sincerely Yours,

Richard Wooster

Acting Associate Director

Planning and Analysis Branch

cc: New Mexico Environment Department (via email)