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## CERTIFIED MAIL NO. RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Keith Berger, Field Manager Royal Gorge Field Office Bureau of Land Management 3028 East Main Street Canon City, Colorado 81212

Re: Federal Compliance Agreement In the Matter of the Bureau of Land Management EPA Docket No. CWA-08-2013-0020

Dear Mr. Berger:

The March 26, 2013, Federal Compliance Agreement (FCA) between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the United States Department of Interior requires that the BLM, among other things, submit two discharge control plans to the EPA, in order to address controlled and uncontrolled discharges from two artesian wells at the BLM's Park Center near Canon City, Colorado.

The BLM initially submitted plans to the EPA on May 28, 2013. Following the EPA's comments on the plans, the BLM's submission of amended plans, and the EPA's comments on the amended plans, the BLM requested that the EPA defer action on the plans. On October 30, 2013, the BLM requested that the EPA review the plans as submitted on June 18, 2013.

Having determined that the plans include the elements required by section III of the FCA, the EPA hereby approves the plans. According to section III.13 of the FCA, the BLM is required to begin implementing the plans within 10 days of the BLM's receipt of this approval.

Please be reminded that neither the FCA nor the EPA's approval of the plans referenced above is a substitute for a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact David Gwisdalla of my staff at 303-312-6193. Any questions from counsel for the BLM should be directed to Peggy Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, at 303-312-6858. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Gaydosh

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Environmental Justice

cc:

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