



REGION 8

DENVER, CO 80202

Ref: 8WD-SDU

SENT VIA EMAIL

DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

Barbara A. Walz, SVP, Policy & Compliance/CCO
Colowyo Coal Company, L.P.
(aka Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.)
bwalz@tristategt.org

Re: Draft Permit - CO52432-12407, Colowyo Mine County Road 17 INJ#1

Dear Ms. Walz:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit (Permit) for the above referenced well or project area. Also enclosed are copies of the statement of basis for the proposed action and the public notice.

EPA regulations and procedures for issuing UIC permit decisions are found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) part 124. These regulations and procedures require a public notice and the opportunity for the public to comment on this proposed permit decision. The public comment period will run for at least 30 days on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-8-co-mt-nd-sd-ut-and-wy>. A courtesy announcement of the comment period, also enclosed, was published on October 25, 2023, in the Craig Press (serving Moffat County).

A final decision will not be made until after the close of the comment period. All relevant comments will be taken into consideration. If any substantial comments are received, the effective date of the final Permit will be delayed for an additional 30 days, as required by 40 CFR § 124.15(b), to allow for any potential appeal of the final Permit decision.

If you have any questions or comments about the above action, please contact Omar Sierra-Lopez at (303) 312-7045 or Sierra-Lopez.Omar@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Douglas Minter, Manager
Safe Drinking Water Branch
Water Division

Enclosures: 3

cc:

Erin Scott, Unit Manager
Water Quality, CDPHE
Erin.scott@state.co.us

Chantell Johnson
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
Envs@tristategt.org