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Best regards,

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Michael B. Owens, Air Program (8P-AR),
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Re: Bonanza Power Plant Title V Operating Permit

Dear Mr. Owens,

Rangely School District RE-4 would like to express our concerns regarding the discussions that the EPA is considering the pulling of a 15 year old permit, and express our support for the issuance of a Title V Operating Permit for the Bonanza Power Plant. It is our understanding that canceling the permit and asking for upgrades before they are legally required would result in the shutting down of the Deserado mine in Rio Blanco County. If this were to take place it would have a devastating impact on the children of our community and their educational opportunities.

The Deserado mine generates millions of dollars in taxes through mill levies which in turn provides funding for our school district. Further, the employees of the mine contribute daily to the fabric of our community and schools and positively impact the wellbeing of the students in our district. Without these families and tax support for our schools, we will be unable to give the children of our community the opportunity to meet their educational potential. Education lays the foundation for a stronger nation. It paves the way for a successful career, and for some of our graduates, it could very well be a job at the Bonanza Power Plant or the Deserado Mine Company.

We ask that you consider the ramifications of these new damaging restrictions. Additionally, we ask that you issue the Title V Federal Operating Permit to the Bonanza Power Plant. We have a great community that works hard to meet the needs of the children and ask that you keep our families in mind as you reach a decision.

Sincerely,

Matt Scoggins

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