The Red Cliff Mine must undergo a very comprehensive permitting process that includes many Federal, State and local agencies. Part of that permitting process includes action under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with the Bureau of Land Management as the Lead Agency. The BLM is currently preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Red Cliff Mine. Under the NEPA process, several federally mandated public comment opportunity periods are required. If you would like more information on getting involved with the public process, please visit our “Get Involved” page.

After the Draft EIS comment period closes, the BLM will review the comments and begin drafting the Final EIS and Record of Decision.
In addition to the EIS process, the Red Cliff Mine must undergo other permits through different regulatory agencies including:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources – Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, and Division of Wildlife
- Mesa County
- Garfield County
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado Department of Public Heath and Environment
- Bureau of Reclamation
As an industry, the following federal agencies regulate coal mining and related activities:

- Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Mine Safety Technology and Training Commission (MSTTC)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)