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September 27, 2013

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Technical Revision No. 131 (TR-131)
Updated Reclamation Seed Mixes

Dear Ms. Welt:

We have received your technical revision application to revise your permit to conduct coal mining in Colorado. Our initial review indicates that all preliminary items required by the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., have been submitted. Thus, your application has been considered complete for the purposes of filing as of September 27, 2013. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Unless notification to the contrary accompanies this letter, the proposed newspaper advertisement submitted with the application has been found to be satisfactory. You should publish this advertisement as specified in Rule 2.08.4(6) of the Regulations. Proof of the publication of the advertisement must be filed with the Division as soon as available after the publication date.

Coincident with the publication, a copy of the revision application, less confidential items, must be filed for public inspection with the appropriate public office as specified by you in the notice. Any subsequent changes or additions to the application must also be made in this copy, at the same time it is submitted to the Division.

The Division is currently reviewing your revision application to determine whether the items you have submitted are adequate in terms of meeting the requirements of the Act and Regulations. In accordance with Section 34-33-116(5) of the Act, a proposed decision approving or denying this application will be issued no later than November 26, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Stark", enclosed within a blue oval.

James R. Stark
Environmental Protection Specialist
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C-TR-02