

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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October 21, 2013

Kathleen G. Welt
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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

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

Dear Ms. Welt:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 131 at the West Elk Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Delta County Independent* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Documentation must be submitted to the Division demonstrating that a copy of the approved revision application was sent to the Office of Surface Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. The material should be sent within 15 days of final approval.

Please refer to the Performance Bond heading on the enclosed proposed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'K' followed by a horizontal line.

James R. Stark
Environmental Protection Specialist
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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey W. Fleischman, Office of Surface Mining, with enclosures

C-TR-06



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COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

West Elk Mine, Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Permit No. C-1980-007

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Technical Revision No. 131

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: September 17, 2013

Decision Date: October 21, 2013

Description of Revision: Updated Reclamation Seed Mixes

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: October 21, 2013

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	597.25	Prior Liability:	\$14,289,992.30
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	15,257.60	Change in Liability:	\$0.00
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	17,154.90	Revised Liability:	\$14,289,992.30
State:	0.00	State:	0.00	Bond Held:	\$15,000,000.00
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	11,758.40		
Private:	0.00	Private:	5,396.50		

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Pages 2.05-50 through 2.05-60

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

None

REVISED MAPS

None

DELETED MAPS

None