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**Re: Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)**

Dear Ms. Sauter:

This letter is to notify you, as required by Rule 2.07.4(2)(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining (Rules), that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposed a decision to Approve Permit Renewal Application No. 6 for the Elk Creek Mine on November 4, 2013.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Brock F. Bowles
Environmental Protection Specialist

C-RN-25