

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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November 7, 2013

Ron Thompson
New Elk Coal Company, LLC
12250 Highway 12
Weston, CO 81091

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

Re: New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012)
Proposed Decision
Permit Revision Application No. 4 (PR-4)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision Package for Permit Revision No. 4 at the New Elk Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *The Chronicle - News* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the thirty (30) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

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 Permit 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,

Leigh D. Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist
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Enclosure(s)

C-PR-10



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COAL MINING PERMIT - PERMIT REVISION DECISION

New Elk Mine, New Elk Coal Company, LLC
Permit No. C-1981-012

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 thirty (30) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.07.4(3)(c).

Permit Revision No. 4

Decision: Withdraw

Submittal Date: February 13, 2012

Decision Date: October 29, 2013

Description of Revision: Expand Permit boundary about one mile to the east.

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Andrea Z. Brown

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: November 7, 2013

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	222.60	Prior Liability:	\$4,183,216.08
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	2,899.21	Change in Liability:	\$0.00
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	4,198.90	Revised Liability:	\$4,183,216.08
State:	0.00	State:	3,288.40	Bond Held:	\$4,133,137.02
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	0.00		
Private:	0.00	Private:	910.50		

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

N/A

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

N/A

REVISED MAPS

N/A

DELETED MAPS

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