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Greg Smith
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**Re: Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)**

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have received your application to renew 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 renewal application has been considered complete for the purposes of filing as of December 23, 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 commence publication of this advertisement as specified in Rule 2.07.3(2) of the Regulations. Proof of the publication of the advertisement must be filed with the Division no later than four weeks after the last publication date.

Coincident with the publication, a copy of the renewal 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 renewal application to determine whether the items you have submitted are adequate in terms of meeting the requirements of the Act and Regulations. Additional information may be required, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 34-33-118(5) of the Act, you will be notified no later than February 21, 2014 should that be the case.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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