

# STATE OF COLORADO

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December 27, 2013

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Minor Revision No. 403 (MR- 403)**  
**Temporary Topsoil Pile**

Dear Ms. Welt:

We have received your minor 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 December 27, 2013. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

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. The Division will either issue a decision or inform you of adequacy issues regarding the application on or before January 6, 2014.

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  
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