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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Mr. Lazorchek:

The Division has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 5 for the West Elk Mine. Enclosed is the Division's decision form and written findings. The proposed decision will be published in the *Delta County Independent*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty-day public comment period. If there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing within the thirty days, the decision will become final.

As provided by Rule 3.03.2(6), should you object to the Division's proposed decision, you may request an adjudicatory hearing.

If you have questions or are in need of additional information, 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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Enclosures

C-SL-12A