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March 24, 2014

Western Slope Conservation Center
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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: TR-132
Revised Longwall Panel E5 MDW Pad and Road Locations

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on March 24, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. This revision proposes to change the location of several drill pads and light-use roads for the methane drainage wells in longwall panel E5. The original pad and road locations were approved in Permit Revision 14. This revision proposes to decrease the drill pad disturbance by approximately 7.0 acres and decrease the road disturbance by approximately 0.1 acres. There will be no change in the mine's permit boundary but there will be a change in the mine's disturbance boundary as a result of this revision. There will also be a change in the mine's reclamation liability, which will be calculated by the Division following any technical adequacy issues.

Permit Revision, Permit Renewal, Technical Revision, or Bond Release application materials are available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. Minor Revision application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Stark".

James R. Stark
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