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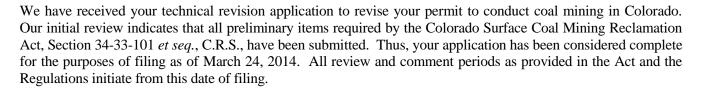
Kathleen G. Welt Mountain Coal Company, LLC P.O. Box 591 Somerset, CO 81434

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)

Technical Revision No. 132 (TR-132)

Revised Longwall Panel E5 MDW Pad and Road Locations

Dear Ms. Welt:



Unless notification to the contrary accompanies this letter, the proposed newspaper advertisement submitted with the application has been found to be satisfactory. You should publish this advertisement as specified in Rule 2.08.4(6) of the Regulations. Proof of the publication of the advertisement must be filed with the Division as soon as available after the publication date.

Coincident with the publication, a copy of the revision 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 has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18 to determine that this revision application does not constitute a Mining Plan Action, therefore a copy of the revision application materials need not be sent to the Office of Surface Mining for their review. If the revision changes significantly during the course of the Division's review, the need for modification of your federal mine plan could be deemed necessary. In the event that OSM determines that this revision constitutes a Mine Plan Action, the Division will notify you that application materials must be forwarded to OSM.

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. In accordance with Section 34-33-116(5) of the Act, a proposed decision approving or denying this application will be issued no later than May 23, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



John W. Hickenlooper Governor

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