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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 30, 2014

Louis Head
New Elk Coal Company, LLC
12250 Highway 12
Weston, CO 81091

**Re: Permit Issuance
Permit Renewal Application No. 3 (RN-3)
Lorencito Canyon Mine (Permit No. C-1996-084)**

Dear Mr. Head:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision to approve with conditions Permit Renewal No. 3 at the Lorencito Canyon Mine became final on April 26, 2014. Notice of the proposed decision was published in the *The Chronicle - News* on March 26, 2014, initiating the thirty (30) day public comment period for the Division's decision. No requests for a formal hearing were received during the comment period.

Enclosed you will find two signed Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Mining Permit documents. An authorized representative of New Elk Coal Company, LLC needs to sign both documents and have them notarized. One must be returned to the Division at the above address; the other must be kept on file at the mine office.

Please be aware that issuance of the permit renewal will initiate time frames of any enclosed stipulations to the permit. Stipulations are enclosed in a rider to the permit, if any were imposed upon the permit. All other enclosed commitments are also in effect as of the permit issuance.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons".

Leigh D. Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist
Leigh.Simmons@state.co.us

Enclosures

cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC

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Stipulations

20 - PERMIT RENEWAL NO. 3 (RN-03) IS A RENEWAL OF THE PERMIT AS A RECLAMATION ONLY PERMIT. IN THE EVENT THAT THE LORENCITO CANYON OPERATION IS PLANNED TO REOPEN FOR COAL MINING AND REMOVAL, THE OPERATOR SHALL SUBMIT A PERMIT REVISION, RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR, AND SUBMIT ANY INCREASE IN RECLAMATION BOND, PRIOR TO ANY ADDITIONAL DISTURBANCE OF LANDS WITHIN THE PERMIT AREA.