

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 30, 2014

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

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007) Minor Revision No. 404 (MR- 404) Updated Map 51 - E Seam Projected Operations.

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 May 23, 2014. 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 June 2, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

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James R. Stark Environmental Protection Specialist Jim.stark@state.co.us

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