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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 10, 2014

Town of Paonia
P.O. Box 460
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: TR-133
Revised RPEE Designs

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 June 10, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine's Permit. This revision proposes to change the designs of the Refuse Pile Expansion East (RPEE), including the buttress, pile construction and drainage control. They have submitted a new Exhibit 82, which details all of the phases of construction and reclamation at the RPEE. This revision does not include any changes to the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed acreages. During the technical adequacy review the Division will determine if there will be any changes to the mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

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, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

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