



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

August 13, 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. 406 (MR- 406)
Ventilation Portal Investigation Boreholes**

Dear Ms. Welt:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Decision Form for Minor Revision No. 406 at the West Elk Mine.

Documentation must be submitted to the Division demonstrating that a copy of the approved revision application was sent to the Office of Surface Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. The material should be sent within 15 days of final approval.

Please refer to the Performance Bond heading on the enclosed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Minor Revision must not be implemented until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the decision form to the Division.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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

Enclosure

cc: Alan Boehms, Office of Surface Mining, with enclosures

C-MR-06



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COAL MINING PERMIT - MINOR REVISION DECISION

West Elk Mine, Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Permit No. C-1980-007

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued the decision stated below. Any person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request a formal hearing in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(c)(iii).

Minor Revision No. 406

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: July 29, 2014

Decision Date: August 1, 2014

Description of Revision: Ventilation Portal Investigation Boreholes

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND PERMITTEE
SAFETY

Authorized Representative - Division
Date: August 13, 2014

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)
Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: 0.00	Disturbed: 590.15	Prior Liability: \$14,160,857.30
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 14,632.10	Change in Liability: \$26,332.00
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 17,154.90	Revised Liability: \$14,160,857.30
State: 0.00	State: 0.00	Bond Held: \$15,000,000.00
Federal: 0.00	Federal: 11,758.40	
Private: 0.00	Private: 5,396.50	
County: 0.00	County: 0.00	

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Pages 2.05-29b and c; Cost Estimate - 8 pages at the end of Exhibit 53

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

None

REVISED MAPS

None

DELETED MAPS

None