

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

November 21, 2014

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

Re: New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012) Minor Revision No. 122 (MR- 122) Incorporate updated pages into Exhibit 19(23).

Dear Mr. Head:

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 November 21, 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 December 1, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

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

cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC

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