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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 27, 2015

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

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 136 (TR-136)
Revised MDW E6-14-16 Pad Locations**

Dear Ms. Welt:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 136 at the West Elk Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Delta County Independent* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

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 proposed 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 Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.



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

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



James R. Stark
Environmental Protection Specialist
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Enclosure

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



COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

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

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Technical Revision No. 136

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: December 8, 2014

Decision Date: January 27, 2015

Description of Revision: Revised MDW E6-14-16 Pad Locations

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Michael P. Boulay

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: January 27, 2015

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: -5.00	Disturbed: 584.35	Prior Liability: \$14,244,472.30
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 14,632.10	Change in Liability: \$56,509.00
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 17,154.90	Revised Liability: \$14,300,981.30
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

TR-136 Cost Estimate (14 Pages at end of Exhibit 53)

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

None

REVISED MAPS

Panel E6 MDW Drilling Map (at end of Exhibit 80)

DELETED MAPS

None