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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 4, 2015

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

**Re: Permit Issuance
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)
Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)**

Dear Mr. Head:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision to approve Permit Renewal No. 6 at the Golden Eagle Mine became final on August 11, 2015. Notice of the proposed decision was published in the *The Chronicle - News* on July 9, 2015, initiating the thirty (30) day public comment period for the Division's decision. No requests for a formal hearing were received during the comment period.

Enclosed you will find two signed Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Mining Permit documents. An authorized representative of New Elk Coal Company, LLC needs to sign both documents and have them notarized. One must be returned to the Division at the above address; the other must be kept on file at the mine office.

Please be aware that issuance of the permit renewal will initiate time frames of any enclosed stipulations to the permit. Stipulations are enclosed in a rider to the permit, if any were imposed upon the permit. All other enclosed commitments are also in effect as of the permit issuance.

Please note that the permit issuance date for Permit Renewal 06 has changed to January 25, 2014. The RN-05 issuance date was June 22, 2009, which would yield a permit issuance date of June 22, 2014 for RN-06. This June 22 permit issuance date, however, is in error. The incorrect issuance date stems from an error with RN-02 permit issuance. Based on this new issuance date, the current permit term will be 4 years, 7 months instead of the normal 5 years. This shorter permit term reflects the change in the issuance date to the correct January 25 date. The new issuance date of January 25 will be carried forward so all future permit terms will be the standard 5 years.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons".

Leigh D. Simmons
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Enclosures

cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC