

NEW ELK COAL COMPANY



November 29, 2017

Rob Zuber
Division of Reclamation, Mine and Safety
131 3 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Lorencito Canyon Mine Permit No.: C-1996-084
Permit Renewal (RN-04)
Response to Second Adequacy Letter

Dear Mr. Zuber:

This response consists of comments and permit revisions regarding and addressing questions identified in the Second RN-04 Adequacy Review dated November 24, 2017, consisting of two of the seven Adequacy Items from the first RN-04 Adequacy Review:

Adequacy Item 3

Pages 2.05-60 and 2.05-71a have been revised to be in agreement to two of the final ten years for grazing. It is noted that at this moment Hill Ranch management is not orientated toward grazing.

Adequacy Item 4

Pages 2.05-73 and 2.05-73a have been revised to be in agreement to a 1 by 25 meter transect belt. This is the transect belt size used by Arcadis in the most recent vegetation survey done in 2015.

Please contact me with any questions,

Regards,

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