



NEW ELK COAL COMPANY

August 17, 2017

Rob Zuber
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Lorencito Canyon Mine Permit C-1996-084
Annual Reclamation Report 2016-Revised

Dear Mr. Zuber:

New Elk hereby submits a revised Annual Reclamation Report form for 2016. The form submitted March 27, 2017 failed to correctly account for the 27.2 acres receiving Phase I, II and III bond release and the cumulative acreages reported in the Land Status Category table.

Regards,

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Annual Reclamation Report for the Year 2016

Lorencito Canyon Mine

C-1996-084

New Elk Coal Co. LLC

mine name

permit #

Permittee

Address: 12250 Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091

This report, required by Rule 2.04.13, is due by February 15 of each year, or other date, as agreed upon by the Division. It should include text, discussion, and maps, at a minimum, in addition to any other reclamation monitoring data as required by the approved permit. The location of the acreage reported under each land status category and year of seeding (if applicable) should be clearly and accurately identified on a map included with the report.

Land Status Category	Last Years Cumulative Total		This Calendar Year		Cumulative Total ¹
Acres disturbed	128.40	+	0.0	=	128.40
Acres backfilled and graded	95.30	+	0.0	=	95.30
Acres topsoiled	96.70	+	0.0	=	96.70

Seeding typically begins the minimum 10-year reclamation liability period. Please report the acres for each category below. Do not include acres that have achieved final, Phase III release.

	Last Years Cumulative Total		This Calendar year		Cumulative Total ¹		10 years or less		Greater than 10 years ¹
Acres seeded*	123.90	+	0.0	=	123.9	=	8.2	+	115.7

*include, if necessary, a description of any augmented seeding or cultural practices

For the Entire Life of Mine, the total number of acres disturbed 155.6 and the total number of acres:
 Phase I released 149.3 Phase II released 27.2 Phase III released 27.2

For Mines in Permanent Cessation:

Total acreage in facilities subject to reclamation but yet to be completed 1.8

For Government Performance and Results Act

Acreage in long-term mining or reclamation facilities ²5.9

Acreage in active mining areas ³0.0

¹ (exclude acres where Phase III release has been achieved)

² Includes haul and access roads; temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches, water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; repair, storage and construction areas; office area, repair shops, and parking; coal stockpiles, loading, and processing areas; railroads; coal conveyors; nonbackfilled and graded areas of refuse piles, coal mine waste impoundments, head-of-hollow fills, and valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and noncoal waste disposal area (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas).

³ Includes pits, topsoil stripped areas in advance of pits, and spoil not backfilled and graded