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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Louis Head
New Elk Coal Company, LLC
12250 Hwy 12
Weston, CO 81019

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**Re: New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012)
Adequacy Review of MR-125**

Dear Mr. Head:

The Division looked at New Elk's proposed Weed Management Plan, MR-125. Overall, the Division is in agreement with the plan, but we request a couple revisions to the revised text.

- The text states that NECC staff will follow the Division's guideline, Management of Noxious Weeds on Coal Mine Permit Areas. The Division suggests that the plan also state that NECC staff will follow the Colorado Weed Management Act (Act 35-5.5-115), since species of concern may be updated over time.
- The Division suggests that NECC include localized seeding on treated areas with the appropriate seed mix as part of the management plan. This would be considered a normal husbandry practice.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Regards,

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