
NEW ELK COAL COMPANY



December 6, 2018

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

Re: New Elk Mine
Permit C-1981-012
TR-73 Adequacy Response

Dear Mr. Zuber:

This letter is in response to the Adequacy Letter for TR-73 sent by the Division on October 4, 2018. For the adequacy items New Elk has the following responses:

1. New Elk will make the suggested minor changes to the language to the footnote to Table 27 and to the text on pages 109 and 109a.
2. New Elk asks that well NE-1-10 (Allen Seam) be included in the reduced monitoring because water in the Allen Seam is monitored by wells NEW-2 and NEW-4.

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If the Division does want well NE-1-10 to be monitored, New Elk asks the frequency of measurements and lab analysis be reduced to meet the current frequencies of wells NEW-2 and NEW-4 (also Allen Seam). Wells NEW-2 and NEW-4 frequencies are to take water level measurements semiannually, and to take Field Measurements and Lab Analysis annually.

Any historical data from well NE-1-10 will be included in future AHRs.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicholas" and the last name "Mason" clearly distinguishable.

Nicholas Mason
Engineering Technician