



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

July 18, 2019

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

Re: New Elk Mine, Permit C-1981-012. Third Adequacy Review for RN-07.

Dear Mr. Head:

New Elk Coal Company (NECC) submitted an application to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) for Permit Renewal on August 29, 2018. The application was found complete on September 7, 2018. The Division wrote a preliminary adequacy review in November 2018 and a second adequacy letter in May 2019. The Division received the latest NECC response on July 16, 2019.

The following comments on NECC's responses are labeled by number and letter to match the items in our second adequacy. **Required actions are in bold type.**

1. **The Division is still awaiting this information – please submit this minor revision as soon as possible.**
2. No further action required.
3. No further action required.
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 - a. No further action required.
 - b. **Please revise Section 2.05 again to remove outdated text.** For example, page 1 states that that mine dewatering will be completed by 2009.
 - c. Figure 2 has been updated but does not indicate date or revision number. **Please add the date of editing and “RN-07” to the footer.**
 - d. No further action required.
 - e. **Map 3 (and other maps) should be stamped by a professional engineer.**
5. No further action required.
6. No further action required.
7. No further action required.
8. No further action required.
9. No further action required.



If you have any questions, please contact me at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us or 303.866.3567 (x8113). Thank you very much for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zuber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Zuber" clearly distinguishable.

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist II