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MR-437 MB-5E Pump Building and Powerpole

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Kathy,

An initial adequacy review letter for MR-437 is attached.

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Kathleen G. Welt
Mountain Coal Company, LLC
5174 Highway 133
Somerset, CO 81434
September 6, 2019

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Minor Revision No. 437, (MR-437)
Initial Adequacy Review

Dear Ms. Welt,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has completed the initial review of materials submitted by Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) in support of the MR-437 application. The Division's comments and questions are below, with items that need to be addressed highlighted in bold type.

Rule 2.05.3 – Operation Plan – Permit Area

1. The construction proposed with MR-437 implies changes to the operation of the MB-5E pond.

Please review the text of section 2.05.3 of the Permit Application Packet that pertains to MB-5E (pages 2.05-34 and -35) and update as necessary.

It will also be necessary to update the reclamation cost estimate with TR-147; a proposed cost estimate will be generated when other adequacy items have been addressed.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist

