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Mountain Coal Company, LLC
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West Elk Mine
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Mr. Leigh D. Simmons
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Office of Mined Land Reclamation
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

**Re: Mountain Coal Company, LLC, West Elk Mine; Permit No. C-1980-007;
Minor Revision No. MR-450: Temporary Stream Diversion Pipe**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this letter for Minor Revision MR-450 for a temporary pipe to divert South Prong Creek flows around the point of subsidence (located on MCC property at about 38°50'23.83"N 107°26'40.28"W) until the permanent repairs are completed. About 280' of temporary 6" PVC pipe was laid on the ground surface and a make-shift sump was constructed out of soils and tarps, and the accumulated streamflows are being pumped from the sump into the pipe. The creek flows above and below the pipe were 160 gpm yesterday. The capacity of the pipe is shown in the attached as 1.38 cfs, or more than three times the current flow. We are working with Wright Water Engineers to develop the best design for the permanent repair of the area and will submit a TR as soon as possible for that work. As soon as the repairs are complete, the sump and pipe will be removed (anticipated to be before mid- November).

Please contact me at (970) 929-2238 or by e-mail should you have questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

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