

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

April 27, 2021

Louis Head New Elk Coal Company, LLC 12250 Highway 12 Weston, Co 81091

RE: New Elk Mine, Permit C-1981-012 1st Quarter 2021 - New Elk Mine Quarterly Waste Bank Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Head:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) has reviewed and found the above referenced report to be in general compliance with the following CDRMS regulations:

4.09.1(11)(a) Inspected at least quarterly by a reregistered engineer or other qualified professional specialist in construction of earth and rockfill embankments under the direction of a qualified engineer throughout the construction.

> The certified report covers the first quarter monitoring period from January to March of 2021, and the inspections were conducted by yourself, a certified engineer on March 24, 2021. No discrepancy were noted.

Provide to the Division a certified report within 2 weeks after each inspection that the fill has 4.09.1(11)(b) been constructed as specified in the design approved by the Division. The report shall include a description of any appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous

> The inspection was conducted on March 24, 2021. The Division received the report on March 29, 2021. No instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions were noted during this inspection of the fill.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (303) 866-3567, extension 8126.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cunningham

Environmental Protection Specialist

