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## C1980007, West Elk Mine, TR-150, Second Adequacy Review

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Nicki Poulos  
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5174 Highway 133  
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March 17, 2022

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Technical Revision No. 150, (TR-150)**  
**Second Adequacy Review**

Dear Ms. Poulos,

The Division has received further correspondence on the TR-150 application from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The SHPO correspondence can be viewed using the link below. It continues to recommend that a cultural resource inventory of the land potentially affected by subsidence of panels LWE15-17 be completed.

[https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/0/edoc/1353604/2022-03-16\\_REVISION%20-%20C1980007.pdf?searchid=7cfd4a3d-3626-45b8-a6d5-18d0adda0a72](https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/0/edoc/1353604/2022-03-16_REVISION%20-%20C1980007.pdf?searchid=7cfd4a3d-3626-45b8-a6d5-18d0adda0a72)

Please address the following adequacy items:

Rule 2.04.4 Cultural and Historic Resource Information

- 1. Notwithstanding the fact that no surface disturbance is proposed with TR-150, please respond to the SHPO recommendation that a cultural resource inventory be completed for the area to be affected by proposed longwall panels LWE-15, -16 and 17.**

The Division's proposed decision of March 11 was rescinded, and the statutorily determined decision due date has past. Please propose an extended decision date that will allow time for the cultural resources inventory to be completed, the report to be produced, and SHPO to review it.

Yours sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

