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## C1980007, MR-464, Initial Adequacy Review

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June 2, 2022

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Minor Revision No. 464, (MR-464)**  
**Initial Adequacy Review**

Dear Ms. Poulos,

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-464 application.

The Division understands the proposed fire breaks to be unrelated to mining or reclamation, but rather a disturbance to be constructed by a landowner to protect their land. As such the Division will not regulate the fire breaks and will not bond for their reclamation.

It is important, however, to thoroughly document all disturbance within the permit area so that it can be accounted for. Please update section 2.05.3(3) of the PAP with a complete description of the fire breaks including their location and size – a figure showing their location could be included. Please also specify in the text that the disturbance is not a mine facility, and will not be used in the future for any activity associated with mining or reclamation.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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