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**Mountain Coal Company, LLC**  
A subsidiary of Arch Resources, Inc.  
West Elk Mine  
5174 Highway 133  
Somerset, CO 81434

September 7, 2022

Mr. Leigh D. Simmons  
Colorado Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

**Re: Mountain Coal Company, LLC, West Elk Mine; Permit No. C-1980-007;  
Minor Revision No. MR-469 Gas Characterization Holes**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this letter, application and map for Minor Revision No. 469 to drill two holes on permitted and existing drill pads to define the characteristics of gas located in and around the B-Seam.

MCC will reuse un-reclaimed pads E3-29 and E2-51 to drill down to the B-Seam to characterize any gas in the approximate area for future B-seam mining. Once these holes have been drilled, they will need to remain serviceable for several weeks so that the required testing can be completed.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicki Poulos".

Nicki Poulos  
Environmental Engineer

CC: Weston Norris- MCC  
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Jessica Wilczek- MCC