

February 1, 2023

New Elk Coal Company, LLC. Attn: Mark Gray 12250 Highway 12 Weston, Colorado 81091

Re: New Elk Mine; C-1981-012

Fourth Quarter 2022 Pond Inspection Report Review

Dear Mr. Gray:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received the above referenced report on January 3, 2023. The Division finished its review and the report appears to be in compliance with Rule 4.05.9(17). The report included inspection report forms for each of the ponds inspected.

The ponds were inspected on December 11, 2022. No appearances of structural weaknesses or hazardous conditions were noted. In accordance with Rule 4.05.9(17), please retain a copy of the reports at or near the mine site.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at Brock.Bowles@state.co.us or (720) 774-0040.

Sincerely,

Brock Bowles

Environmental Protection Specialist

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