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Jason Musick State of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Withdrawal of Technical Revision No. 147, Construction of 81 Future B-Seam Mine Ventilation Boreholes, Pads, and Roads, Panels LWB26 through LWB29; Mountain Coal Company (MCC), LLC, West Elk Mine, Permit No. C-1980-007.

Dear Mr. Musick,

On May 22, 2023, OSMRE was notified by Mr. Leigh Simmons, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS), of Mountain Coal Company, LLC's (MCC) May 18, 2023 request to withdraw Technical Revision No. TR-147 proposing the construction of B Seam short-term mine ventilation boreholes pads and roads.

The DRMS published their notice of the proposed revision withdrawal in the *Delta County Independent* on May 31, 2023 and the revision withdrawal became effective on June 13, 2023.

Because the TR-147 withdrawal has been approved by DRMS, OSMRE's determination that TR-147 constitutes a mining plan modification requiring Secretarial approval, dated September 15, 2022, is also withdrawn and there is no action required of OSMRE or the Secretary at this time.

Sincerely,

Marcelo Calle, Manager Program Support Division

cc: Leigh Simmons, DRMS Suzanne Copping – BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Daniel Gray – USFS Paonia Ranger District Nicole Poulos – MCC Energy, LLC Howard Strand - OSMRE