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Mountain Coal Company, LLC

A subsidiary of Arch Resources, Inc.

West Elk Mine

5174 Highway 133

Somerset, CO 81434

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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-474 Box Canyon North Water Storage access hole

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this letter, application, drawing, permit maps (53 and 53B) and permit text for Minor Revision No. 474 to drill an access hole to access the water stored in Box Canyon North water storage area.

MCC will drill into the Box Canyon North water storage area to extract the stored water. A pad will be cut on the North side of the subsoil pile #1, located at the base of Sylvester Gulch Road. The pad will be no larger than .5 acre. A pump and housing facility will be installed on the drill pad. Access to this pad will the same access road as the subsoil pile. No additional culverts will be installed. No additional disturbance will be associated with this project as the area is already disturbed.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

Nicki Poulos

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**Environmental Engineer** 

CC: Weston Norris- MCC

Cathie Pagano- Gunnison Co.

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