

December 20, 2023

Mr. Leigh Simmons
Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203
August 16, 2021

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Surety Release No. 13, (SL-13)
Initial Adequacy Review

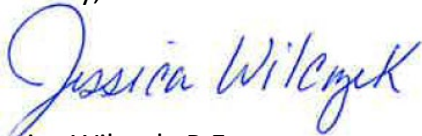
Dear Mr. Simmons,

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC), Permit No. C-1980-007, submits this letter and attachment in response to your adequacy letter dated December 6, 2023, regarding MCC's SL-16 Bond Release application for the West Elk Mine.

MCC has included with this response a revision of the table that was included on page two of the SL-16 application. Sites that were not reclaimed have been removed from the table.

Please contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jessica Wilczek, P.E.
Manager of Engineering and Environmental Affairs

Legal Description of the Area Requested for Bond Release: The following table, Mountain Coal Company West Elk Mine 2023 Phase III Bond Release Eligible Reclaimed Areas presents the locations or sites to be considered for bond release under this application. The reclaimed areas requesting bond release are located within the current permit area and are found within Sections 33-36, T13S, R90 W; and Sections 1-3, T14S, R90W; all within the 6th Prime Meridian, Gunnison County, Colorado.

Mountain Coal Company West Elk Mine

2023 Phase III Bond Release Eligible Reclaimed Areas

Hole #	Hole # (as-drilled)	Hole Descriptor	Road Area (acres)	Pad Area (acres)	Reclamation Date
E4-16	E4-15	E4-15	0	0.59	2016
E4-12.5	E4-16	E4-16	0.11	0.58	2016
E4-9	E4-17	E4-17	0	0.58	2016
E5-75	E5-1	E5-1	0.16	1.13	2017
E5-74	E5-2	E5-2			2017
E5-73	E5-3	E5-3			2017
E5-69	E5-4	E5-4	0.07	0.73	2017
E5-65	E5-5	E5-5	0	0.46	2017
E5-61	E5-6	E5-6	0.2	0.54	2017
E5-57.5	E5-7	E5-7			2017
E5-54	E5-8	E5-8	0.12	0.8	2017
E5-50	E5-9	E5-9	0.06	0.82	2017
E5-46	E5-10	E5-10	0		2017
E5-39	E5-12	E5-12	0	0.82	2017
E5-35	E5-13	E5-13	0		2017
E5-31	E5-14	E5-14	1.09	0.54	2017
E5-27.5	E5-15	E5-15	1.44	0.62	2017
E5-24	E5-16	E5-16	0.91	1.16	2017
E5-20	E5-17	E5-17	0	0.32	2017
E5-16	E5-18	E5-18	0	0.51	2017
		10LWE5X40	on ATV trl		2017
		11LWE5X40	same as E5-12		2017
		10LWE6X62			2017
		11LWE6x53			
Eligible Reclaimed Acreage (Road, Pad, Total)			4.16	10.2	14.36