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August 1, 2013

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-395
Retaining Wall at RPEE HR-2 Switchback

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received a revision for the West Elk Mine. The revision was deemed complete on August 1, 2013. The decision due date is August 11, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine to install a block retaining wall at the RPEE HR-2 switchback. This proposed retaining wall is necessary to ensure the long-term stability of the haul road. The HR-2 portion of the RPEE haul road is currently permitted. There are no changes in the mine's permit or disturbance boundary proposed with this revision. There will be no change to the mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision.

This revision application is available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, CO 81230.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Stark".

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