

# STATE OF COLORADO

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## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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August 12, 2013

Jim Kiger  
Oxbow Mining, LLC  
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3737 Highway 133  
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John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

Mike King  
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda  
Director

**Re: Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)**  
**Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 74 (TR-74)**  
**TR-74 East Lease GVBs**

Dear Mr. Kiger:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 74 at the Elk Creek Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Delta County Independent* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Documentation must be submitted to the Division demonstrating that a copy of the approved revision application was sent to the Office of Surface Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. The material should be sent within 15 days of final approval.

Please refer to the Performance Bond heading on the enclosed proposed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Brock F. Bowles  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey W. Fleischman, Office of Surface Mining, with enclosures

C-TR-06



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**COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION**

Elk Creek Mine, Oxbow Mining, LLC  
Permit No. C-1981-022

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Technical Revision No. 74

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: June 3, 2013

Decision Date: August 9, 2013

Description of Revision: TR-74 East Lease GVBs

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

*Andrea Z. Brown*

Authorized Representative - Division

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: August 12, 2013

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: 7.00	Disturbed: 218.48	Prior Liability: \$4,337,933.41
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 6,659.17	Change in Liability: \$0.00
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 15,676.51	Revised Liability: \$4,337,933.41
State: 0.00	State: 0.00	Bond Held: \$4,871,606.00
Federal: 0.00	Federal: 10,125.51	
Private: 0.00	Private: 5,551.00	

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Exhibit 2.04-E3 Item 9 pages 1-9

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

None

REVISED MAPS

2.05-M1 (Sheet 6 of 6)

DELETED MAPS

None