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October 14, 2016

Charles I. Bearse III, President
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Whitesville, WV 25209

SUBJECT: ELK RUN COAL COMPANY, INC., LICENSE AMENDMENT, MAIL CONTROL
NO. 591706

Dear Mr. Bearse:

This refers to your license amendment request dated August 9, 2016. Please find enclosed Amendment No.1 authorizing William Newsome as the Radiation Safety Officer.

An environmental assessment for this action was not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14).

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand and fully implement all the conditions incorporated into the amended license. If there are any errors or questions, please contact me at 610-337-5089 or via electronic mail at john.miller@nrc.gov, so that appropriate corrections or answers can be provided.

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An electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web Site at: www.nrc.gov. Additional information regarding use of radioactive materials may be obtained on the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html>. This site also provides the link to the toolbox for updated information on the revised regulations for naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials (NARM).

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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License No. 47-25363-02
Docket No. 03038751
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cc: William Newsome, Radiation Safety Officer

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