

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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DURANGO FIELD OFFICE
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MINING AND SAFETY

M-2012-032 "AVTHORIZED ACTIVITIES"

Regulatory Division SPK-2012-00953

Mr. Rory Williams Silver Star Resources 1675 Larimer Street, Suite 820 Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are responding to your November 5, 2013, request for a Department of the Army permit for the Revenue Mine Project. This project involves activities, including discharges of dredged or fill material, in waters of the United States to reactivate the Revenue Mine. The site is located on Revenue Mine property near Sneffels Creek, approximately seven miles southwest of City of Ouray, within Section 21, Township 43 North, Range 8 West, Latitude 37.9706°, Longitude - 107.7498°, Ouray County, Colorado.

Based on the information you provided, the proposed activity will permanently impact approximately 0.21 acre of the Revenue Pond. The proposed activity is authorized by Nationwide Permit Number (NWP) 44 Mining Activities. Your work must comply with the general terms and conditions listed on the enclosed NWP information sheets and regional conditions and the following special conditions:

- 1. You shall implement all avoidance measures to the features identified in Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Incorporated's October 2012, "Cultural Resource Inventory of Proposed Disturbance Areas at the Revenue Tunnel", including the additional measures outlined in your April 11, 2014, letter to our office.
- If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while
 accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you shall immediately notify
 the Corps of what you have found. The Corps will initiate the Federal and state
 coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort.
- To compensate for unavoidable impacts to Revenue Pond, you shall fully implement the October 2013, Revenue Mine Mitigation Plan prepared by WestWater Engineering, which includes the construction of the Mine Water Pond (0.24 acre).
- 4. You shall submit a final report within 30 days following the successful filling of the Mine Water Pond to capacity to the Corps. Your responsibility to complete the required compensatory mitigation as set forth will not be considered fulfilled until you have demonstrated mitigation success and have received written verification from the Corps.
- 5. You must sign the enclosed Compliance Certification and return it to this office within 30 days after completion of the authorized work.

This verification is valid until March 18, 2017, when the existing NWPs are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified, reissued or revoked, you will have twelve (12) months from the date of the modification, reissuance or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the General and Regional Conditions of this NWP, or the project-specific Special Conditions of this authorization, may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2012-00953 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Sheata at the Colorado West Regulatory Branch, 400 Rood Avenue, Room 224, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by email at Carrie.A.Sheata@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (970) 243-1199, extension 14. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. We appreciate your feedback. At your earliest convenience, please tell us how we are doing by completing the customer survey on our website under Customer Service Survey

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Susan Bachini Nall Chief, Colorado West Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures:

- 1. Nationwide General Permits 44 Summary
- 2. NWP Regional Conditions for Colorado
- 3. Compliance Certification

cc: (w/o encls)

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