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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

November 13, 2015

Dianna Stoopnikoff
Ouray Silver Mines Inc.
P.O. Box 564
Ouray, CO 81427

Re: Revenue Mine, Permit No. M-2012-032, Approval of Request for Sampling Frequency Reduction of Underground and Groundwater Monitoring.

Dear Ms. Stoopnikoff:

On September 16, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) received your request for a reduction of the sampling frequency of underground and groundwater monitoring at the Revenue Mine. The requested sampling frequency reduction of the approved Sampling and Analysis Plan is due to a reduction of activity at the site which is solely related to the current market conditions. DRMS approves the proposed reduction of sampling frequency. The accepted frequencies are to sample underground sampling locations UG-1, UG-4 and UG-5 annually. Due to lack of any recent mining activity in the Atlas and Cumberland drifts sampling will cease entirely at the two underground sampling locations (UG-2 and UG-3).

The request also proposes to cease ground water sampling from upstream wells 1a and 1b due to no plans to disturb the Atlas tailings area. The proposed cessation of sampling from monitoring wells 1a and 1b is also approved.

Ouray Silver Mines Inc. is required to report water quality data collected after each annual underground sampling event and quarterly for each groundwater sampling event that will continue for wells 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b.

Once market conditions recover and the Revenue Mine resumes active mining Ouray Silver Mines Inc. will be required to resume the originally approved quarterly sampling and reporting frequency.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.2042.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall
Environmental Protection Specialist

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