

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 17, 2017

Mr. Tim Haynes Climax Molybdenum Company P.O. Box 68 Empire, CO 80436

Re: Climax Molybdenum Company; Henderson Mine; File No. M-1977-342 Technical Revision No. 27 (TR-27) – 3 Dam Regrade Adequacy Review

Mr. Haynes,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) has reviewed the content of technical revision (TR-27) for the Henderson Mine submitted on March 1, 2017 and submits the following comment. The Division is required to make an approval or denial decision no later than March 31, 2017 therefore; a response to the following adequacy review concern should be submitted to the Division as soon as possible.

 The Operator requested approval to re-slope the 3 Dam embankment face in order to increase the slope stability strength based on the recent geotechnical analysis of the facility conducted by AECOM. Please provide a copy of the AECOM 3 Dam geotechnical analysis report for Division review.

Please be advised the technical revision for the Henderson Mine may be deemed inadequate, and the revision may be denied on March 31, 2017, unless the above mentioned adequacy review items are addressed to the satisfaction of the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>peter.hays@state.co.us</u> or (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8124.

Sincerely,

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Wally Erickson; DRMS

