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## Deserado Mine, C-1981-018, 1st Quarter 2017 Coal Processing Waste Bank Report Review Letter

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Wed, May 10, 2017 at 8:55 AM

To: jtuttle@deserado.com

Cc: Scott Wanstedt <swanstedt@deserado.com>

Good morning Jason,

Attached is the Division's review of the 4th quarter 2016 waste bank report associated with the Deserado Mine.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks, Jason

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Jason Tuttle Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. 3607 County Road #65 Rangely, CO 81648

RE: Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., Deserado Mine, Permit C-1981-018 First Quarter 2017 Coal Waste Pile Inspection Report Review

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) have found the above referenced report to be in compliance with CDRMS Regulations: 4.09.1(11) and 4.10.2(2), unless noted below.

The above referenced report was prepared by Blue Mountain Energy personnel for the Deserado Mine. Biweekly inspections were conducted throughout the first quarter of 2017. Based on the report, BME did not observe any apperent points of seepage, signs of instability, structural weakness or hazardous conditions at the active piles.

The first quarter 2017 inspection identified the following items:

- Refuse was spread and compacted on Area 5.
- Refuse was stokpiled for later spreading and compaction on Area 2-3-4 during the first quarter 2017.

The observations reflect observations with on-site inspections conducted by the Division of the Waste Pile. The report states that approximately 10,884,783 tons of wet refuse was placed on the active refuse piles (6,054,336 on 2/3/4 and 4,830,447 on 5A).

During the first quarter 2017, a total of three compaction tests were conducted. All tests completed during the quarter met the minimum compaction requirement of 90% of the maximum standard Proctor density (Field Density test information was not included).

The Division has no additional adequacy comments based on this report



If you have any questions feel free to contact me. (303) 866-3567 ext 8134

Sincerely,

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