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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, CO 80203

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Mr. Jack Henris  
Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company  
100 N. Third Street  
P.O. Box 191  
Victor, CO 80860

**Re: Project, Permit No. M-1980-244;  
250 Gallon Neutral pH Tank Release Summary Report Review and Comments**

Dear Mr. Henris:

On August 10, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) was notified via telephone of a 250-gallon spill from the High Grade Mill that occurred on that same day. We received a formal report summarizing the incident and CC&V's response via email on August 17, 2017.

The following comments are based on the Division's review of the December 12, 2016 summary report and the information required by Rule 8.2.3. Please provide a response by August 25, 2017.

- 1) Cleanup Response. Rule 8.2.3(a) requires a summary of "actions taken to respond and correct" the condition. The report provided a summary of what equipment/systems actions were taken to stop the spill, but no discussion was provided on the cleanup of the spill and how that was verified. Please provide a summary of the cleanup and how adequate cleanup was assured.
- 2) Cleanup Investigation. Rule 8.2.3(e) requires a summary of "results of the Operator's investigation to assess the conditions". A summary was provided for the "root cause" of the incident, but no information was provided on the condition or cleanup of the spilled 250 gallons. Please provide some discussion on the water chemistry and the disposition of the soil on which the spill occurred.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8169.

Sincerely,

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