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**Division of Reclamation,  
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Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

October 16, 2017

Mr. Tom Bird  
GCC Energy, LLC  
6473 County Road 120  
Hesperus, CO 81326

**Re: King Coal Mine, Review of inspection of pond and other surface water controls  
at King II (Q3 2017)**

Dear Mr. Bird:

Thank you for the report regarding water quality improvements at King II for the third quarter of 2017. I have one question. The Stoner Engineering report states that, "The culvert pipes on the site were in good condition overall." How was this determined? If a borehole camera (or similar device) was not used, I think it would be a good idea to use one to perform a thorough examination of the conditions of culverts at King II. Identifying the need for culvert cleaning and pro-active maintenance by GCC can save time and money in the long run, in my opinion.

If you have comments or questions, please contact me at [Rob.Zuber@state.co.us](mailto:Rob.Zuber@state.co.us) or 303.866.3567 (x8113).

Sincerely,

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