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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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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 I (Q3 2017)**

Dear Mr. Bird:

Thank you for the report regarding water quality improvements at King I for the third quarter of 2017.

The report stated that the ponds at King I are designed to detain the 100-year event. Is that correct or is it the 10-year event as indicated in Section 2.04.7 of the PAP (page 4)?

The Stoner Engineering report states that, "The drainage ditches and pipes were generally in good condition." How was this determined for the pipes? If a borehole camera (or similar device) was not used, I think it would be a good idea to use one in the future to perform a thorough examination of the conditions of pipes at King I. Identifying the need for pipe 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 or 303.866.3567 (x8113).

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist II

