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Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Re: Eagle-Gypsum Mine, Permit M-1984-041, Second Adequacy Review, Technical Revision TR-10

Jared Rhea:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) has reviewed the application for a technical revision to the above referenced 112c permit. The technical revision proposes to recover an additional 100 vertical feet of gypsum in the west pit and backfill the original high wall to a grade no steeper than 3H:1V. A review of the application has revealed a few clarifications required to process the technical revision:

- 1) Please see enclosed memorandum regarding the DRMS Design Standard of Care for Slope Stability/Geotechnical Analyses. Due to the proposed backfill in the west portion of the mine a geotechnical stability exhibit must be submitted to demonstrate that the proposed backfill meets the recommended minimum factors of safety for slope stability analysis.

The technical revision cannot be approved until the issues are adequately addressed. Please submit a response to the issues as soon as possible but no later than November 3, 2017, so the decision date of November 9, 2017 can be met. If your response, or a written request for an extension of the decision date, is not received by November 3, 2017 the request for the revision may be denied.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.2042.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall
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Enclosure(s): DRMS Design Standard of Care for Slope Stability/Geotechnical Analyses

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