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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

November 6, 2017

Chris Gilbreath
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
12050 North Pecos St. Suite 100
Westminster, CO 80234

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Technical Revision No. 83 (TR-83)
Adequacy Review**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your application for TR-83 for the New Horizon Mine on October 2, 2017. The application was deemed complete on October 11, 2017. TR-83 is proposing an alternate sediment control using a grass filter for 4.5 acres of Irrigated Pasture on GW46 Trust Property. The Division finished its review of the TR-83 application and does not have technical adequacy questions or comments.

The Division received questions and comments from Mr. Jim Guire on October 25 regarding TR-83. Please address the following 4 questions and comments for clarification.

- 1.) GW46 Irrevocable trust would prefer Elk Ridge Mining & Reclamation, LLC construct the "Access Entrance" to and from County Road BB in the location we (yourself [Brock Bowles], Thomas Fry of ERM&R and Jim Guire II of GW46) discussed in person at the site on 10-25-2017.
- 2.) Our question we have as to the location of the fence. "Fencing will be installed around the boundary of the alternate sediment control area". Does this mean the fence will be constructed along the true south boundary of the 25' grass filter area or is the mine going to square off the fence line for easier management?
- 3.) Is the 2.8 acres identified in red as SWS 2 "Adjacent Undisturbed SWS" on DWG No. Figure 2.05.3(3)-37 be managed along with the SWS 1 "Alternate Sediment Control SWS" and the "Grass Filter" areas since the area is within the permit boundary and is up land to the Grass Filter area? Or is to be segregated and managed by the landowner independently?
- 4.) We think that a culvert to be installed in the West branch of San Miguel Draw would be beneficial and agree to its installation in the location we all discussed in person as well.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (303) 866-3567 ext. 8142.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brock Bowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brock" and last name "Bowles" clearly distinguishable.

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