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Division of Reclamation,  
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Department of Natural Resources  
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John P. Ary  
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**RE: Adequacy Review #3 (TR-04), Pueblo East Pit, Permit File No. M-2000-041**

Dear Mr. Ary,

On August 16, 2017, TR-04 was filed with the Division addressing changes to the Reclamation Plan of the Pueblo East Pit, Permit No. M-2000-041. The Division has reviewed the content of the TR-04 and the subsequent adequacy responses, and submits the following comments. Please respond to these adequacy issues with a letter summarizing each response, to the numbered items below, in a cover letter titled "Adequacy Review Response #3 TR-04; M-2000-041".

26. In response to Adequacy Review Item #24, the Operator has defined the completion of the slurry wall construction, however did not address the Division's recommendation to conduct monthly monitoring for one year after completion of the slurry wall followed by quarterly monitoring. Monthly monitoring for the first full year will help precisely define the seasonal groundwater regime and understand immediate groundwater mounding effects. Please address if the Operator intends to conduct monthly monitoring for at least one year after the completion of the slurry wall before sampling on a quarterly basis for the life of mine.
27. Within the revised/updated Appendix E Groundwater Impact Analysis, the Operator states if the depth of groundwater in the proposed Monitoring Well #8 approaches 4 feet, the groundwater mounding mitigation drain will be designed and installed. However, within Appendix H Groundwater Monitoring Plan, the Operator states this to be 6 feet. Please correct this discrepancy and provide the trigger point at which the drain will be designed and installed.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at [elliott.russell@state.co.us](mailto:elliott.russell@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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