July 27, 2018

Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203



Re: Permit No. M-1999-098 - Riverview Resource - 112c Annual Report and Map

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is submitted by upload as "Additional Information" in response to Item 23 of the Division's on-line annual report form for permit year ended July 16, 2018.

Mining has been completed in all cells/phases of Platte Valley except the processing plant area and concrete batch plant site (Cell 5/Phase 5). These areas will continue to operate with material being conveyed from AI's Wattenberg Lakes operation (Permit M-2004-051). Mining within Phase 5 will not occur until all material from Wattenberg has been processed through the Platte Valley plant.

Phase 3 backfilling along the north boundary to restore flood damaged land adjacent to the river in accordance with TR-05 was completed as of April, 2016. Phase 3 backfilling with fines disposal from the wash plant to fill the balance of this phase to wetland grades was completed in 2017.

Phase 4 backfill continued during 2017-2018, and this activity will continue throughout the life of the mine in accordance with the reclamation plan and the inert fill import notice approved by the Division on November 15, 2005. Phase 4 is also being backfilled with fines from the wash plant.

Additional backfill in Phase 2 progressed during 2017-2018. A 200-foot offset from the river in accordance with TR-04 has been completed in prior years. Continued backfilling in Phase 2 will create an approximate 200-foot wetland bench to establish a total 400-foot offset from the river in accordance with the approved reclamation plan.

With regard to responses provided on the annual report form, supplemental information is provided as follows:

## 13. Total Acres in various states of reclamation:

**Total acres backfilled:** Response, 70.0 (approximate), is based upon areas backfilled and sloped for upland, wetland and pond creation or filled with fines for wetland creation as shown on the annual report map.

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**Total acres graded:** Response, 27.0 (approximate), is based on approximately 12 acres of fines ponds filled to wetland grades in Cell 1/Phase 1, approximately 3 acres of area at south end of Cell 2/Phase 2 backfilled to wetland grade and an approximate 12 acre fines pond filled to wetland grade in Cell 3/Phase 3. Grading of slopes around Cell 2/Phase 2 and Cell 4/Phase 4 was done in the past; however, due to ongoing backfill along the slopes, additional grading will be necessary in the future.

**Total acres seeded with approved mix:** Response, 15.0 (approximate), is based on approximately 12 acres of fines pond areas in Cell 1/Phase 1 and an approximate 3 acre wetland area at the south end of Cell 2/Phase 2. With regard to "approved seed mix", it has been some time since the site was seeded and information as to exact mix used is difficult to locate, so the "truth and accuracy" of this response is limited. This detail of reporting was not required at the time of seeding so also cannot be found in previously filed reports. Seeding of slopes around Cell 2/Phase 2 and Cell 4/Phase 4 was done in the past; however, due to ongoing backfill along the slopes, additional seeding will be necessary in the future.

Seed application method: Reported "NA" as this is also unknown.

Total acres fertilized: Reported "0" since this is an unknown.

Fertilizer application method: Reported "NA" as this is unknown

**Total acres with topsoil replaced:** Reported 4.5 as an estimate based on backfilled and graded slope areas and south wetland of Cell 2/Phase 2 and Cell 4/Phase 4 that have not received additional backfill. It should be noted that fines ponds in Cell 1/Phase 1 and Cell 3/Phase 3, totaling approximately 24 acres, do not require topsoiling as the fines material provides the appropriate medium for establishing wetland vegetation.

**Topsoil replacement depth:** Reported 6 inches as an estimate/assumption. As with prior notations above, exact information is not available.

Mulch (acres, application rate): Reported "0" since this is an unknown. As with prior notations above, exact information is not available.

Mulch application method: Reported "NA" as this is unknown.

If you need clarification or additional information regarding the annual report, please contact me at (970) 396-5252.

Very truly yours,

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