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Ryan Blevins
E-mail February 28, 2018

March 4, 2019

Via: e-mail

RE: Cripple Creek & Victor, Cresson Project, Permit No. M1980244, E-Mail Inquiry

Greeting Mr. Blevins,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) received your additional correspondence via email regarding the Cresson Project.

In response to your e-mail, received on February 28, 2019, I have copied your e-mail inquiries into this formal written response. Your email text is in **bold italics** and DRMS responses to those inquiries will be in normal font. Response to your most recent email is as follows:

I'm looking for some clarification on CC&V High Grade Mill, some reports say there's a liner under the mill and other reports are suggesting there is not. Can you please clarify?

DRMS Response: The mill has a dual liner system under it approved by the Division.

Second question why is there a 4" poly pipe line leaving VLF 1 an environmental protection facility with a zero discharge permit, this pipe line runs almost a mile and discharges into navigable water ways ? We can not find where this is in their permit M-1980-244 or a TR. or in their Federal or State water discharge permits!!!

DRMS Response: DRMS is uncertain of the location and date of the photographs you have provided. We believe this is the augmentation water discharge pipe required by DWR due to meteoric water intercepted by the lined facilities in Arequa Gulch. It discharges clean water as required by DWR.



I would like an update on the mill tailings being dumped (raw and improper mixture) in correlation with CC&V's permit on VLF 2 ? DRMS was at the VLF 2 February 14-2019,

DRMS Response: DRMS conducted an inspection on February 14th (11 days after receiving the citizen complaint) and found the Operator was in compliance with respect to the placement of tailings on the VLF. We will forward a copy of the inspection report when it is complete.

We also asked for the report that CC&V was supposed to provide to DRMS about the misters safety and environmental impact last summer (2018).

DRMS Response: DRMS did an initial phone inquiry with the operator. There was a maintenance issue with the main four inch line that feeds the misters which was repaired the same day. No cyanide solution was reported to have left the containment areas. An inspection by DRMS shortly after the complaint noted no issues in the area. The issue was considered resolved.

I hope that these responses clarify where DRMS currently stands with this particular permit and acknowledges your issues of concern.

Regards,



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