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October 31, 2019

Sent via email: janet.binns@co.state.us

Mrs. Janet Binns
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: New Horizon North Mine
Permit No. C-2010-089
2019 Annual Impoundment Inspections

Dear Mrs. Binns:

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC (Elk Ridge) operates the New Horizon North Mine. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) is the parent company of Elk Ridge. The New Horizon North Mine operates under Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Permit No. C-2010-089.

In accordance with Rule 4.05.9(14)(a), Tri-State is submitting the enclosed quarterly impoundment inspection on behalf of Elk Ridge.

If you have any questions about the enclosed quarterly impoundment reports, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Dan Casiraro
Senior Manager
Environmental Services

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Enclosures

cc: Frank Ferris (via email)
Chris Gilbreath (via email)
Jason Storey (via email)
Tony Tennyson (via email)
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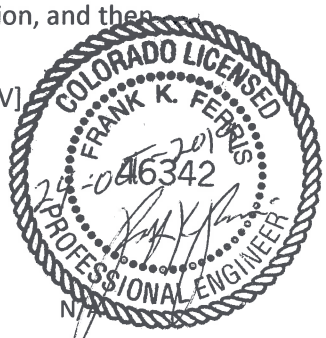
2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 009**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **2 miles NW of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Inspected: **1-October-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5649.25**
As Built Pond Bottom elev.: **5639.7**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **5647.2**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway) per As Built **4.7 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **4.67 ac-ft**
Sediment Volume (SV) unchanged: length **90 ft** X width **50 ft** X depth **0.3 ft** = **.03 ac-ft**
Surface Water elev. **5640.9** - As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5639.7** = Water Depth **1.2 ft**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **0.21 ac-ft** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available below primary spillway **4.46 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 10-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **1.65 ac-ft**



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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	No	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	No	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	No	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	No	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	No	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	No	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	No	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	No	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes_____	Yes	No	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	Yes	No	N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation_____	Yes	No	N/A

Comments: **Minor sediment accumulation (90 ft L, 50 ft W, & 0.3 ft deep) = 0.03 ac-ft, unchanged since 2015**

2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 012**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **2 miles NW of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Inspected: **12-December-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5608.5**
As Built Pond Bottom elev.: **5596.5**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **5606.5**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway) per As Built **4.9 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **4.72 ac-ft**
Sediment Volume (SV) unchanged: **3 areas =~0.18 ac-ft**
Surface Water elev. **5596.5** - As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5596.5** = Water Depth **0 ft**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **0 ac-ft** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and th
subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available below primary spillway **4.72 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 10-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **3.41 ac-ft**

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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	X	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	X	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	X	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	X	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	X	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	X	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	X	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	X	N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	X	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes_____	Yes	X	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	X	N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	X	No	N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation_____	Yes	No	X

Comments: **Sediment accumulation in 3 areas = 0.18 ac-ft. No significant sediment change since 2015.**

Pond bottom sod is wet.

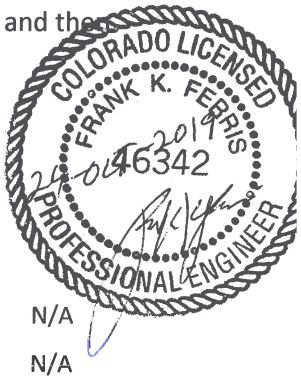
2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 013**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **2 miles West of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Examined: **12-December-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5560.4**
As Built Pond Bottom elev.: **5548.0**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **5557.0**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **5555.0**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway) per As Built **6.14 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **6.14 ac-ft**
Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: **no change since as-built**
Surface Water elev. **5553.5** As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5548.0** = Water Depth **5.5 feet**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **4.0 ac-ft** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available below primary spillway **2.14 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 10-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **2.7 ac-ft**



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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	X	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	X	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	X	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	X	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	X	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	X	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	X	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	X	N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	X	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes _____	Yes	X	N/A
	b) Decant system _____	Yes	X	N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	Yes	No	N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation **Flume in place & functioning**	Yes	No	N/A

Comments:

2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 015**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **~2 miles West of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Examined: **1-October-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5671.0**
Surveyed Pond Bottom elev.: **5560.7**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to top of embankment) per As Built **0.94 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to top of embankment): As Built Volume - SV = **0.94 ac-ft**
Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: length ____ ft X width _____ft X depth _____ ft = **NA ac-ft**
Surface Water elev. **Dry** - As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5660.0** = Water Depth **NA**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **Dry** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available **0.94 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 100-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **0.508 ac-ft**

Since the sediment volume between elevations 5560.0 to 5560.7 is less than .005 ac-ft, the volume does not show in the calculations. No significant sediment volume was added to Pond 015 in 2019.

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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	X No	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	X No	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	No X	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	X No	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	X No	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	No X	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	No	X N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	X N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	X No	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes_____	Yes	No	X N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	X N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	Yes	No	X N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation_____	Yes	No	X N/A

Comments: **The pond elevations indicate less than .005 ac-ft of sediment accumulation & inlet repaired.**

2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

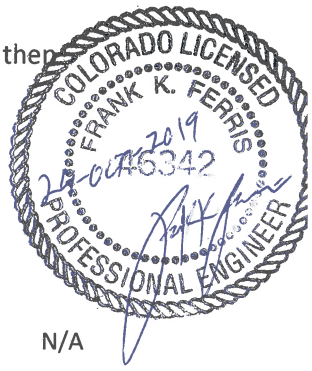
Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 016**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **~2 miles West of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Inspected: **1-October-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5620.5**
Surveyed Pond Bottom elev.: **5611.0**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **5618.5**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to emergency spillway) per As Built **7.5 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to emergency spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **7.5 ac-ft** note
Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: length ____ ft X width _____ft X depth _____ ft = **NA ac-ft**
Surface Water elev. **Dry** - As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5611.0** = Water Depth **NA**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **Dry** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available **7.5 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 100-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **5.33 ac-ft**

Note: Sediment volume about equal to settling.



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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	No X	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	No X	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	No X	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	No X	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	No X	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	No X	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	No X	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A X
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	No X	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes_____	Yes	No	N/A X
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A X
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	Yes	No	N/A X
10.	Monitoring instrumentation_____	Yes	No	N/A X

Comments: **The pond floor settling is offset by the sediment accumulation at the southeast entrance.**

2019 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**
Pond Name: **Pond 018**
NPDES Permit & Outfall #s: **CO-0000213**
Date Inspected: **15-October-2019**
Location Description: **~¼ mile West of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**
Pond Type: **Partly Incised**
CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**
Date Last Examined: **12-December-2018**
Legal Location: **Sec 6 of T46N R15W**
Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5682.0**
Surveyed Pond Bottom elev.: **5570.**
As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **5678.0**
As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **NA**
As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to emergency spillway) per As Built **4.03 ac-ft**
Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to emergency spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **4.03 ac-ft**
Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: length ____ ft X width _____ft X depth _____ ft = **NA ac-ft**
Surface Water elev. **Dry** - As Built Pond Bottom elev. **5670.0** = Water Depth **Dry ft**
Water Volume (WV) in Pond **0 ac-ft** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)
Pond Capacity Available **4.03 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]
Inflow volume from 100-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **2.25 ac-ft**

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1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	No	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes_____	Yes	No	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	No	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems_____	Yes	No	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside_____	Yes	No	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe_____	Yes	No	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	No	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches_____	Yes	No	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes_____	Yes	No	N/A
	b) Decant system_____	Yes	No	N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place_____	Yes	No	N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation_____	Yes	No	N/A

Comments: **Dry**