

December 27, 2019

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RE: The Pride of America Mine, Permit # M-1999-058, October 2019 Diesel Spill Report, Clarification Issues

Mrs. Todt:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received your incident report on December 5, 2019, for the diesel spill that occurred during mid-October at The Pride of America Mine. Following review of the report the Division has identified the following issues that require further discussion/clarification:

1. The report concludes that no diesel appears to have left the site and no discharge of contaminated water occurred at any time during the initial spill or mitigation. This conclusion is not accurate based on the fact that detectable amounts of BTEX were found in the DG3 sample following the flushing efforts. Except for Xylenes detected in the DG4 sample post-flushing, the DG4 and DG5 sample points did not show detectable amounts of contaminants related to the spill, which could be explained through dilution by Yule Creek. However, it is clear that at least some contaminants entered Yule Creek following the spill. Please correct or clarify the conclusion that no detectable amount of contaminated water reached Yule Creek.
2. The report states that when the water level in the sump rose during flushing operations clean water was able to pass through the berm while contaminated water was contained within the sump. Please explain how only clean water was able to infiltrate the berm.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Czapla'.

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