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## RE: The Pride of America Mine, Permit # M-1999-058, Technical Revision (TR-06) Adequacy Review

Mrs. Todt:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced request for Technical Revision (TR-06) in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the *Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials* (Act) and the associated *Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials* (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before TR-06 can be considered for approval:

- 1. In order ensure ongoing protection of nearby Yule Creek, please commit to conducting monthly water sampling at the sump located downgradient from the fuel storage area, adjacent to Yule Creek. Samples should be analyzed for diesel and BTEX constituents. The water quality sampling results shall be submitted to the Division each year as an attachment to the annual report. If elevated levels are noted in any of the monthly samples the Division shall be notified immediately in order to determine appropriate course of action for mitigation.
- 2. Please provide a plan for how the operator will handle and dispose of precipitation that will be captured in the containment structure.
- 3. Please acknowledge that approval of TR-06 will be based on the position of Yule Creek in its present "diverted" channel. Should Yule Creek be returned to its previous channel additional protection and/or monitoring measures may be required.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, March 20, 2020.

The Division will continue to review the TR-06 request and will contact you if additional information is needed.

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



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Sincerely,

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