



April 9, 2020

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***RE: M-1977-285, Sunday Mine; M-1978-039 St. Jude Mine; M-1981-021 West Sunday Mine, Notice of Receipt of EPF Construction Completion Report***

Mr. Glasier,

On March 30, 2020, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received the Construction Completion Reports and As-Built Certifications for Environmental Protection Facilities (EPF's) located at the above listed sites. Specifically, the EPF's that have been completed were the lined ore storage pads as designed and specified in the approved Environmental Protection Plan dated January 2012, Section 6.1 and Attachment S.

This notice is to inform you that that Construction Completion Reports and As-Built Certifications have been reviewed and accepted by the Division in accordance with Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rule 7.3.2. However, pursuant to Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rule 7.4.1 (1)(a), prior to ore being removed from the underground workings and placed on the lined ore pad an inspection must first be completed. Given the current extenuating circumstances, travel by state employees is restricted pursuant a Governor's Order and a site inspection cannot be completed at this time. As soon as travel is reauthorized by the Governor, DRMS Staff will coordinate with Pinon Ridge to conduct a field inspection and complete the certification process for these EPF's as quickly as possible.

Alternatively, in lieu of a Division in-person site inspection, the certification process for these EPF's could be completed remotely. In addition to the Construction Completion Reports received by the Division on March 30, 2020 Pinon Ridge may provide extensive photo documentation of each of the pads, as well as a signed affidavit from the manufacturer and installation crew certifying that the PVC liner was installed in accordance with the approved Environmental Protection Plan. Please inform DRMS in writing if the remote review and approval process is preferred no later than April 17, 2020. Once the above listed documentation is received, accepted and approve by the Division, the certification process for these EPF's can be considered complete.

Please note that this notice is not to be construed as an approval to commence extraction activities at the above listed sites. Other actions that require approval prior to the removal of ore



from underground workings must be completed. Per the approved Environmental Protection Plan prior to the commencement of extraction of material, Pinon Ridge must submit for review and approval the comprehensive hydrology report including the water quality monitoring results.

Additionally, the hearing as noticed in the "Notice of Hearing to Declare Termination of Mining Operations" dated February 4, 2020 must take place and the Board will need to make a finding that extraction activities can occur.

If you have any questions, concerns or need more information please feel free to contact me, Lucas West at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us). In lieu of contacting me directly, you may also contact Russ Means, Active Mines Program Director, or Jeff Fugate, Attorney for the DRMS Minerals Program.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist  
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