

May 27, 2020

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY


Mr. Timothy Cazier, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Office of Mined Land Reclamation
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Permit No. M-1980-244; Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company; Cresson Project; – May 18, 2020 Aerial Inspection Report Response

Dear Mr. Cazier:

On May 21, 2020, Newmont Corporation's Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) received the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (DRMS's) report for an aerial inspection of the site conducted on May 18, 2020. Below are DRMS comments in italics followed by CC&V's responses in bold.

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME: <i>Cresson Project</i>	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: <i>M-1980-244</i>	MINERAL: <i>Gold</i>	COUNTY: <i>Teller</i>
INSPECTION TYPE: <i>Aerial Inspection</i>	INSPECTOR(S): <i>Timothy Cazier</i>	INSP. DATE: <i>May 18, 2020</i>	INSP. TIME: <i>08:06</i>
OPERATOR: <i>Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining</i>	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: <i>None</i>	TYPE OF OPERATION: <i>112d-3 - Designated Mining Operation</i>	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: <i>Normal I&E Program</i>	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: <i>None</i>	BOND AMOUNT: <i>\$209,491,188.00</i>	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: <i>NA</i>	POST INSP. CONTACTS: <i>None</i>	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: <i>DRMS</i>	
WEATHER: <i>Clear</i>	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: <i>May 21, 2020</i>	

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a

Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Fish & Wildlife

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Process solution ponding was observed in areas greater than the 3 ft x 3 ft on both VLF1 and VLF2 in multiple areas. The 3 ft x 3 ft ponding limitation is a condition of the approved wildlife protection plan.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Provide photographic documentation of eliminating the areas of ponded solution by the Corrective Action Due Date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 5/27/20

CC&V has corrected the observed solution ponding identified on VLF 2, as detailed in the below photos.

Ponding eliminated on the 9,900' level of the Squaw Gulch Valley Leach Facility (VLF 2)



Figure 1

Ponding eliminated on the 9,650' level of the Squaw Gulch Valley Leach Facility (VLF 2)



Figure 2

CC&V has corrected the observed solution ponding identified on VLF 1, as detailed in the below photos. Please note the area identified in Photo 7 of the DRMS report was at the 10,400' elevation; and no ponding was observed in the area when CC&V went to address the DRMS observation. There was a line that needed repair, hence the spray observed in the photo, which has since been repaired.

10,400 level of the Arequa Gulch Valley Leach Facility (VLF 1):



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Ponding eliminated on the benches below the high capacity pivoting sprinklers on the South side of VLF 1:



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

CC&V acknowledges the DRMS's observations contained in the report and is working to investigate the observed conditions. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Katie Blake at 719.689.4048 or myself at 719.689.4042 or Justin.Raglin@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

PP

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