



COLORADO
**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: Apex Mine, File No. M-2014-011 , Technical Revision (TR-1) Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Strong:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. Please provide the rate of seed application per species in PLS/Ac. Indicate if a specific variety is to be used. Specify the method for which the rates are being provided. Typically all other methods are applied at least twice the drill seed rate.
2. How many water bars are anticipated to be installed during Phase 3 reclamation? What is the average cubic yards of material to be handled in the construction of each water bar? How will they be constructed, by hand or will equipment be utilized? If equipment is to be used please specify the type. If constructed by hand, how many hours is this task expected to take?
3. What is the approximet volume of cabin material to be lopped and scattered? What is the estimated time associated with this task?

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Monday, July 20, 2020 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by July 20, 2020 please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review



materials. A decision due date of **July 27, 2020** has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,



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