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C1981022, Elk Creek Mine, MR-112, Initial Adequacy Review

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August 27, 2020

Re: Elk Creek Mine (C-1981-022)
MR-112, Initial Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Division has completed an initial review of the materials submitted by Oxbow Mining, LLC. (OM) with the MR-112 application. Please review the following comments on the adequacy of the application and address the items in bold.

Rule 4.07.3 Permanent Sealing

1. The materials submitted with the MR-112 application address many of the issues related to record-keeping identified in the SL-2 inspection report. The Division recognizes that it is not possible to update the Permit Application Packet (PAP) with plugging and abandonment records where such records do not exist or cannot be retrieved. In the case of the holes drilled in A-gulch and C-gulch it appears that driller's records of abandonment are not available.

Please compile all relevant information you have access to concerning the plugging and abandonment of drill holes, and the reclamation of the drill pads and access roads in A-gulch and C-gulch into a memo that can be incorporated into Exhibit 2.04-E3 and subsequently referenced in the SL-2 findings. Please ensure to include the dates of completed work.

Feel free to contact me by phone or email for clarification.
The decision due date for MR-112 is September 5, 2020.

Sincerely,

Leigh Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist

