

October 19, 2020

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## RE: Cresson Project, Permit No. M-1980-244 August 2020 Inspection Corrective Actions Response Adequacy Review of Corrective Actions

Dear Mr. Raglin:

On October 5, 2020, the Division received your corrective action response via email. These corrective action was a response to an issue raised by the Division during the August 18, 2020 inspection. The issue raised is discussed below:

1. Problem: There are state-listed noxious weeds present on site. This is a problem for failure to employ weed control methods for state listed noxious weed species within the permitted area, and to reduce the spread of weeds to nearby areas as required by Section 3.1.10 (6) of the rule.

<u>CC&V</u>: As discussed with the Division following the receipt of the inspection report, CC&V will prioritize treating noxious weeds on growth medium stockpiles during the 2021 growing season. Furthermore, CC&V will notify the Division in early Q2 of 2021 when weed spraying is scheduled. CC&V respectfully requests the Division focus one of the Q2 2021 inspections on working with CC&V staff to prioritize treatment areas.

CC&V continues to work diligently to manage noxious weeds in accordance with the Rule 3.1.10(6). CC&V's weed management program has prioritized previous reclamation and other areas that pose a high risk of noxious weed spread. Please note that in 2020, CC&V increased noxious weed treatment by 40% compared to previous years. Please see the enclosed records for 2020 noxious weed treatment.

**<u>DRMS</u>**: CC&V has committed to prioritize treating weeds on the growth medium piles in 2021. CC&V and DRMS will meet during a Q2 2021 inspection to prioritize treatment areas. <u>**This item**</u> is considered resolved.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (720) 774-0040 or <u>brock.bowles@state.co.us</u>.



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Sincerely,

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Brock Bowles Environmental Protection Specialist

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