



March 16, 2021

Mrs. Janet Binns  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: New Horizon Mine  
Permit No. C-1981-008  
1st Quarter 2021 Impoundment Inspections**

Dear Mrs. Binns:

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC (Elk Ridge) operates the New Horizon Mine. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) is the parent company of Elk Ridge. The New Horizon Mine operates under Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Permit No. C-1981-008.

In accordance with Rule 4.05.9(17), Tri-State is submitting the enclosed quarterly impoundment inspections on behalf of Elk Ridge.

If you have any questions about the enclosed quarterly impoundment reports, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 825-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Daniel Casiraro*  
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Dan Casiraro  
Senior Manager  
Environmental Services

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Enclosures

cc: Frank Ferris (via email)  
Chris Gilbreath (via email)  
Tony Tennyson (via email)  
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## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Pond Name: **Stock Pond 2 (SP2)**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Location Description: **2 miles NW of Nucla**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

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|-----|---|-----|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 7.  | Clogging  |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is dry.**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **Pond 012**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **2 miles NW of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

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|-----|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 7.  | Clogging  |                |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |                |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes            | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | <del>Yes</del> | No            | N/A            |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes            | No            | <del>N/A</del> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is dry.**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **Pond 013**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **2 miles West of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

1.	Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
2.	Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
3.	Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
4.	Major erosion problems _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
5.	Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
6.	Water impounded against toe _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
7.	Clogging			
	a) Spillway channels and pipes _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
	b) Decant system _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
	c) Diversion Ditches _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
8.	Cracking or crushing of pipes			
	a) Spillway pipes _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
	b) Decant system _____	Yes	<del>No</del>	N/A
9.	Trash racks clear and in place _____	<del>Yes</del>	No	N/A
10.	Monitoring instrumentation <b>Flume in place &amp; functioning</b>	<del>Yes</del>	No	N/A

Comments: **Pond discharging, removed weeds from valve inlets at outfall**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **Pond 015**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **2 miles West of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

**Circle or Write appropriate Response**

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|-----|---|-----|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 7.  | Clogging  |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is dry.**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **Pond 016**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **2 miles West of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 36 of T47N R16W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

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|-----|---|-----|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 7.  | Clogging  |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes | <del>No</del> | N/A            |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |     |               |                |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes | No            | <del>N/A</del> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is dry.**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **Pond 018**

Pond Type: **Partly Incised**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **0.1 miles West of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 6 of T46N R15W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

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|-----|---|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 7.  | Clogging  |     |                        |                         |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |     |                        |                         |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is dry.**

## POND EXAMINATION FORM, 1st QUARTER 2021

Mine: **New Horizon 2 Mine**

Owner's Rep.: **Frank Ferris, Mine Manager**

Pond Name: **SP-1 Stock Pond**

Pond Type: **Cross valley**

NPDES Permit & Outfall #: **CO-0000213**

CDRM & S #: **C-1981-008**

Date Examined: **10-March-2021**

Date Last Examined: **17-September-2020**

Location Description: **0.2 miles West of Nucla**

Legal Location: **Sec 6 of T46N R15W**

Inspector's Name: **Frank Ferris**

### *Circle or Write appropriate Response*

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|-----|---|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 2.  | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____                   | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 3.  | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 4.  | Major erosion problems _____                                | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 5.  | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____     | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 6.  | Water impounded against toe _____                           | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 7.  | Clogging  |     |                        |                         |
|     | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____                        | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
|     | c) Diversion Ditches _____                                  | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
| 8.  | Cracking or crushing of pipes                               |     |                        |                         |
|     | a) Spillway pipes _____                                     | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
|     | b) Decant system _____                                      | Yes | <del>No</del> <b>X</b> | N/A                     |
| 9.  | Trash racks clear and in place _____                        | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____                            | Yes | No                     | <del>N/A</del> <b>X</b> |

Comments: **Pond bottom is muddy.**