

July 16, 2021

Jim Stover, P.E. J.E. Stover & Associates, Inc. 2352 North 7th Street, Unit B Grand Junction, CO 81501

Re: North Thompson Creek Mine, Permit C-1981-025 Review of 2021 Pond Inspections (First and Second Quarters)

Dear Mr. Stover:

The Division received your First Quarter and Second Quarter Pond Inspection Reports (signed by J.E. Stover, Colorado P.E. 19230). I reviewed the reports in the context of the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, in particular Rule 4.05.9(17). The report is in compliance with these regulations. No problems were identified with the ponds at the North Thompson Creek Mine.

I have one comment for future reports. In the cell for outflow from the Refuse Pond, the reports should describe the flow (as you did for the four other ponds). However, the subject reports describe the condition of the water in the Refuse Pond (e.g., "Snow/Ice"). Perhaps this should be changed in the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>Rob.Zuber@state.co.us</u> or 720.601.2276.

Regards,

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