

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

August 31, 2021

Ms. Dawn Brady Applegate Group, Inc 1490 West 121<sup>st</sup> Ave., Suite 100 Denver, CO 80234

## RE: Preliminary Adequacy Review; Technical Revision (TR-2); Sheep Mountain Ranch, Permit No. M-2017-022

Dear Ms. Brady,

On August 27, 2021, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request for Technical Revision (TR-2) to update the reclamation plan map to reflect the current conditions at the Sheep Mountain Ranch site, Permit No. M-2017-022. Please be advised that on September 29, 2021, the application for TR-2 may be deemed inadequate and denied unless the following adequacy items are addressed to the Division's satisfaction. Please respond to the adequacy items with a letter summarizing each response, to the numbered items below, in a cover letter titled "Preliminary Adequacy Review Response TR-2, M-2017-022".

- 1. On the Technical Revision Application that was submitted online the applicant indicated the permit, affected, and private land areas were to increase by 23 acres. The Division believes this was an error in completing the form and it is not the intent of the revision to increase acreage associated with the site. Please positively affirm it is not the intent of this revision to increase the permit, affected, and private land area acreages.
- 2. In April 2018 the Division approved TR-1 which allowed for extending the drainage swale along the west side of the reservoir south across the irrigation ditch, placing the ditch in a pipe under the swale, to better control runoff, see attachment. Please update the map to reflect this swale and indicate the irrigation ditch was placed in a pipe.
- 3. Please identify on the updated map what appears to be an overflow outlet structure near the southwest corner of the reservoir.
- 4. Please identify on the map what appears to be a crossing over the irrigation ditch immediately south of the end of the road leading into the facility. Also does the road end at the reservoir or does it extend to the southern area of the permit boundary connecting to the road that leaves the site? If the road does cross the permit then it needs to be shown on the map.



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- 5. What is the structure in the southeastern corner of the permit boundary?
- 6. Please ensure that the map conforms to the criteria defined in Rule 6.2.1(2), specifically the map must be signed by a qualified person.

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review of your technical revision. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional adequacy items and/or details as necessary.

The decision date for your application is set for September 29, 2021. However, please allow the Division sufficient time to complete its review by submitting your response no later than five (5) working days prior to the decision date. If additional time is needed to respond, an extension request must be received by our Office by the decision date. If on the decision date, outstanding adequacy items remain, and no extension request has been received, your revision may be denied.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist

Attachment: TR-1 Reclamation Plan Map

- cc: Jared Ebert; Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
- ec: Dawn Brady, Applegate Group, Inc., <u>dawnbrady@applegategroup.com</u>

Attachments





