



COLORADO
**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 01, 2021

Brian Briggs
Ouray Silver Mines, Inc.
PO Box 564
Ouray, CO 81427

RE: Revenue Mine, Permit No. M-2012-032, Technical Revision (TR-12), Adequacy Review-3

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. Your response, including the supporting regulatory information for the proposed abandonment of GW-4 is noted and accepted. However, no discussion of the plugging and abandonment method of GW-4 was included. Please provide details of the chosen method of plugging and abandonment of GW-4, in accordance with Rule 5.4, including a tentative schedule of when that activity will take place.
2. The proposal of visual leak detection of Pond 3 is also noted and accepted, please provide a commitment to monthly visual monitoring for leak detection of the outslope of Pond. Reporting documentation will be provided with the quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Report.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Wednesday, September 8, 2021 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by September 8, 2021 please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review materials. A decision due date of Wednesday September 15, 2021 has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed. If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucas West', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist

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