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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

October 7, 2021

Brain Briggs
Ouray Silver Mines, Inc.
1900 Main St. Unit 1
PO Box 564
Ouray, CO 81427

RE: Revenue Mine, Permit No. M-2012-032, Loss of Containment Acknowledgement

Dear Mr. Briggs:

On October 6, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received notification of a loss of containment (spill) that occurred on October 6, 2021 at the Revenue Mine. According to your notification report, a faulty pump, which would not turn off, continued to pump tailings into the filter feed tank which subsequently overflowed with tailings and spilled beyond the secondary containment structure. All material remained on site and did not come in contact with any surface waters. All tailings were immediately cleaned up and placed in a lined temporary tailings storage facility. Proper testing was completed to evaluate the adequacy of clean-up measures performed, and yielded no additional work necessary. Discussion was provided on how OSMI plans to prevent future reoccurrences.

The Division will be on site October 12, 2021 to conduct an Environmental Protection Facility inspection of the Reagent Room (TR-16). During that inspection the Division will also inspect the spill area.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell
Environmental Protection Specialist

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