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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

October 11, 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 9, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received notification of a loss of containment (spill) that occurred on October 8, 2021 at the Revenue Mine. According to your notification report, the process water pump to the filter feed tank did not shut off which subsequently overflowed with process water and spilled beyond the secondary containment structure. All process water remained on site and did not come in contact with any surface waters. All waste rock which appeared to come in contact with the process water has been excavated and placed in a lined temporary tailings storage facility. Sampling of the process water and waste rock will be performed. The mill will remain shut down until the automation system can be installed to avoid future problems.

In the notification letter it is also stated that "a curb that should have contained this material was broken and in need of repair." This is cited as a problem for failing to maintain sufficient secondary containment at all times. OSMI shall repair the broken curb within 30 days (November 11, 2021) and provide the Division with photo documentation of corrective actions. Additionally include a signed statement that all other secondary containment structures for the mill have been inspected, are free of physical damage and properly functioning as designed. OSMI may not operate the mill until these corrective actions have been received and the problem is considered abated by the Division.

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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