



October 13, 2021

Jeff A. Carter
SSG Mining Inc.
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Monument, CO 80132

**Re: SSG Mining Inc., Lombard #3, File No. M-2020-057, Limited Impact Operation 110(1)
Reclamation Permit Application Third Adequacy Review**

Mr. Carter:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) reviewed the contents of the adequacy response received on October 8, 2021 for the SSG Mining Inc. permit application for the Lombard #3 site, File No. M-2020-057 and submits the following comments. The Division is required to make an approval or denial decision no later than November 14, 2021 therefore; a response to the following adequacy review concerns should be submitted to the Division as soon as possible.

1. The Division received and forwarded via email a comment letter from the Division of Water Resources on September 20, 2021. The Applicant failed to respond to the letter in the adequacy response. The letter is attached for review. Please address the comments noted in the letter.

Please be advised the Lombard #3 site application may be deemed inadequate, and the application may be denied on November 14, 2021, unless the above mentioned adequacy review items are addressed to the satisfaction of the Division. If more time is needed to complete the reply, the Division can grant an extension to the decision date. This will be done upon receipt of a written waiver of the Applicant's right to a decision by November 14, 2021 and a request for additional time. This must be received no later than the deadline date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at peter.hays@state.co.us or (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8124.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Hays
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure – DWR Comment Letter

Ec: Jared Ebert; Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
Nicole Malandri; USFS





Response to Consideration of 110(1) Hard Rock Reclamation Permit Application

DATE: September 20, 2021
TO: Peter Hays, Environmental Protection Specialist
FROM: Javier Vargas-Johnson
RE: Lombard #3, Permit No. M-2020-057
Applicant/Operator: SSG Mining
Phone Number: (719) 237-5914
Pt. SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 1, Twp. 3 South, Rng. 74 West, 6th P.M., Clear Creek County
Water Division 1, Water District 7

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- ☒ The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of groundwater must not occur during or after mining operations.
 - ☒ If water will be used for any purpose at this site, the applicant will need to document that the water was obtained from a legal source, or was diverted in priority under a water right decreed for such mining/industrial use.
 - ☒ Any stormwater runoff intercepted by this operation that is not diverted or captured in priority must be released to the stream system within 72 hours.
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COMMENTS: The subject application is for an underground mining operation on 2 permitted acres located approximately 1.5 miles east of Alice, Colorado. The primary commodities to be mined at the site are silver and gold. The site is proposed to be reclaimed to its previous use of forestry upon completion of mining.

The applicant proposes to reopen the historic Lombard #3 adit (entrance to the underground mine), construct a 2-acre pad with the excavated adit material, and perform limited sampling within the adit. The applicant estimated 300 cubic yards of material will be excavated to open the adit and construct the pad. The mining activities will stop if water is encountered in the adit.

The applicant has indicated that no water will be needed during the mining operation. This office would have no opposition to the use of bottled water and portable toilets to meet the drinking and sanitation needs of on-site workers. If water from another source will be used at the site, it is recommended that the applicant verify with this office that the water may legally be used for such commercial/industrial purposes.

Any stormwater runoff intercepted by this operation must infiltrate into the ground or be released to the stream system within 72 hours; otherwise, the operator will need to make replacements for evaporation.

Based on the above, this office has no concerns regarding the proposed mining operation. The DRMS or the applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

