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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

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Ben Moline, P.E., Senior Manager
Water Resources & Environmental Compliance
Molson Coors Beverage Company
P.O. Box 4030
Golden, CO 80402

Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028), Review of 2021 Pest and Disease Inspections

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division has received four 2021 inspection reports written by an environmental consultant, Habitat Management Environmental & Natural Resource Services (Habitat Management). Habitat Management performed inspections of the Keenesburg Strip Mine in March, June, September, and December 2021. The inspector looked for pest and disease issues with vegetation at the site, as well as other problems such as noxious weeds and erosion.

I reviewed these reports, and (based on my own observations during my own inspections) agree that the primary problems at the Keenesburg Strip Mine are:

- Cheatgrass
- Russian thistle
- Erosion from wind and stormwater runoff
- Bare areas.

The Division understands that Coors Energy Company and Habitat Management are working to address these problems.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist

