

April 25, 2022

Tate Calvert GRE, Inc. 331 Rio Grande St. Suite #201 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Miller Midwest - File No. P-2021-004 GRE, Inc., Modification Application (MD-1) Denial

Dear Mr. Calvert:

On April 25, 2022 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Modification application submitted to the Division on February 28, 2022, addressing the increase of disturbance and use of larger equipment to conduct prospecting operations. This notice is to inform you that the application for MD-1 has been **denied**.

Internal discussions within the Active Mines Program and the Inactive Mines Program revealed that the Midwest mine was included in the extensive Willow Creek Reclamation Project circa 2004. The discussions indicate that a repository for Acid Generating Material left by historic mining was created in and around the portal of the Midwest Mine. Based on the known presence of Acid Generating Material that would be disturbed based on the details of your project, your application for a Modification to the Midwest NOI, File No. P-2021-004 is hereby denied. If you wish to further pursue the project, it must be addressed through the Division's 110(d) application process pursuant to Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rule 1.1 (20)(b) and (c). Furthermore, based on this information, if a 110(d) application is not desired, no further disturbance should occur on site, and reclamation measures for the existing disturbance should be carried out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8187, or by email at Lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. West

**Environmental Protection Specialist** 

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