



June 28, 2022

Mrs. Janet Binns
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: New Horizon North Mine
Permit No. C-2010-089
2022 Annual Impoundment Inspections**

Dear Mrs. Binns:

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC (Elk Ridge) operates the New Horizon North Mine. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) is the parent company of Elk Ridge. The New Horizon North Mine operates under Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Permit No. C-2010-089.

In accordance with Rules 4.05.9(14) and 4.05.9(15), Tri-State is submitting the enclosed annual impoundment inspection on behalf of Elk Ridge.

If you have any questions about the enclosed annual impoundment reports, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Gilbreath".
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Chris Gilbreath
Senior Manager
Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosures

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)
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2022 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089)**

Pond Name: **NHN-Pond 001**

Date Inspected:

Inspector's Name: **Trevor Ragsdale**



Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5679.0**

As Built Pond Bottom elev.: **5666.0**

As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **5676.5**

As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **5675.5**

As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway) per As Built **7.9 ac-ft**

Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **7.9 ac-ft**

Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: **0**

Surface Water elev. **Dry** - Surveyed Pond Bottom elev. **5666** = Water Depth **Dry**

Water Volume (WV) in Pond **Dry** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)

Pond Capacity Available below primary spillway **7.9 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]

Inflow volume from 10-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **5.5 ac-ft**

Circle or Write appropriate Response

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|-----|--|---|--|-----|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No | N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation in place & functioning _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No | N/A |

Comments: **Pond Dry Inspected 6-13-22**

2022 ANNUAL IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

Mine: **New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089)**

Pond Name: **NHN-Pond 002**

Date Inspected:

Inspector's Name: **Trevor Ragsdale**



Pond Capacity Data

As Built Pond Embankment elev.: **5685.0**

As Built Pond Bottom elev.: **5673.0**

As Built Pond Emergency Spillway elev.: **5682.9**

As Built Pond Primary Spillway elev.: **5682.0**

As Built Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway) per As Built **12.9 ac-ft**

Existing Pond Capacity (pond bottom to primary spillway): As Built Volume - SV = **12.9 ac-ft**

Sediment Volume (SV) at Inspection: **None**

Surface Water elev. **Dry** – As-built Pond Bottom elev. **5673.0** = Water Depth **NA**

Water Volume (WV) in Pond **DRY** (using as built capacity table & surface water elevation, and then subtracting sediment volume under water level)

Pond Capacity Available below primary spillway **12.9 ac-ft** [As Built Pond Capacity – WV – SV]

Inflow volume from 10-yr 24-hr storm runoff event **8.6 ac-ft**

Note: Dry

Circle or Write appropriate Response

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|-----|---|---|--|-----|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No | N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation: in place & functioning _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No | N/A |

Comments: **Inspected 6-13-22**