

July 25, 2022

Ms. Alyson Boye Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company P.O. Box 191 Victor, CO 80860

RE: Division Adequacy Review No. 4; Technical Revision 129 (TR-129) Proposed Numeric Protection Levels and Site Compliance Well Identification, Permit No. M-1980-244

Dear Ms. Boye,

On December 2, 2021, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received your request for Technical Revision 129 (TR-129). After review of your responses dated July 14, 2022, to the Division's Adequacy Review No. 3 dated June 16, 2022, the following list of items need to be acknowledged.

Proposed Numeric Protection Limits:

 The Division has decided the statistical analysis of site data to evaluate potential numeric protection limits (NPLs) for each drainage at the site will be separated from TR-129 and addressed in another Technical Revision. Therefore, no further information pertaining to NPLs is required for TR-129. The Division will contact the Operator to discuss a timeline for submitting the required Technical Revision.

Points of Compliance:

2. The Division requested a timeframe for drilling and installing the new point of compliance (POC) wells. The Operator stated the drilling and construction of these wells is planned for 2022, but that a schedule cannot be provided at this time as the Operator is just initiating the process to retain the necessary contractors. The Operator has known since the submittal of TR-129 in December 2021 that new POC wells need to be installed at the site. Additionally, discussions between the Operator and the Division about the need for new wells were ongoing prior to December 2021. Therefore, the Division believes the Operator has had ample time to secure a drilling contractor for the drilling and installation of the new POC wells. Accordingly, please commit to including the new POC wells approved in TR-129 in the quarterly sampling program no later than the second quarter of 2023. Please be advised, a failure to meet this timeframe without sufficient justification may result in an enforcement action for failure to protect the hydrologic balance.



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This concludes the Division's Adequacy Review No. 4 of TR-129. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional items and/or details as necessary.

The current decision date for TR-129 is set for **August 5, 2022**. Please submit your response prior to the decision date.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist

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