



August 11, 2022

Submitted Via Email

Mr. Timothy Cazier, P.E.
Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: GCC Rio Grande, Inc., Salt Canyon Project, Reclamation Permit No. M-1997-064, Technical Revision 03; Response to DRMS Second Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Cazier:

GCC Rio Grande, Inc., Salt Canyon Project (GCC) received the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (DRMS) second adequacy review comments dated August 9, 2022, for Technical Revision 03 (TR-03) to Reclamation Permit M-1997-064. The purpose of TR-03 is to update the mining plan including current and future mining phases, increase the maximum allowed disturbance area and update blasting related procedures. This submittal responds to the questions included in the second adequacy review. For convenience, the below response follows the numbering established in the adequacy review letter and includes the original DRMS comments in italicized text.

6.b) Blasting Plan:

DRMS Comment: Locations of blast monitoring – There was an apparent error in the location of the proposed blast monitoring. The coordinates provided (38.11628 N, 104.60611 W) appear to be due east of the mining operation at GCC's Pueblo Cement Plant and Limestone Quarry. Please double check the proposed seismograph location to be sure it is in close vicinity to the Salt Canyon Project and provide appropriate coordinates.

GCC Response: The correct latitude/longitude coordinates should be 38° 32' 28.200" N and 104° 58' 1.500" W for the Salt Canyon Mine.

7) Updated Reclamation Cost Estimate:

DRMS Comment: Updated Reclamation Cost estimate: Based on your responses to the PAR, the DRMS developed a reclamation cost estimate for your updated mine plan. Please review the attached cost estimate. If GCC is in agreement with the revised estimate, the DRMS will issue a surety increase letter after the approval of this technical revision.

GCC Response: GCC is in agreement with the revised financial warranty cost estimate.

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TR-03 – Response to Second Adequacy Review

If you have any questions regarding this submittal or need any additional information, please contact me at (719) 647-6861.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Veek", written in a cursive style.

Amy Veek
Environmental Engineer
GCC Rio Grande, Inc., Pueblo Plant