



September 9, 2022

Tonya Hammond  
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P.O. Box 1430  
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**RE: Roadside Portals Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041 Permit Renewal No. 8  
Preliminary Adequacy Review**

Dear Ms. Hammond,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received the Roadside Portals Mine's submittal of required items for a permit renewal on June 22, 2022. The information provided allowed the revision to be called complete on June 27, 2022. The Division has completed reviewing the application submittal and the C-1981-041 Permit, and has the following comments and questions:

**Rule 2.03 – Legal, Financial and Compliance and Other Related Information**

1. Please update as necessary the information contained in Tab 3 (Volume I). This section of the permit contains the names and addresses of the mine operator, the resident agent, surface land owners, subsurface landowners and contiguous surface and subsurface owners.
2. Rule 2.03.4: Please update as needed the officer and control information provided in Tab 3, including tables and exhibits.
3. Please review Exhibits 3 and 4 of the permit and update the maps related to section 2.03 as necessary to reflect any changes that may have occurred.
4. Rule 2.03.5: There have been no violations issued from the division since 2006. Please review the information in Tab 3 (Volume I) and update any text if necessary.
5. Please review the right of entry information in Tab 3, and Tables 3-3 through 3-6 (Volume I). Please update any text or exhibit as necessary.
6. Please review the information in Tab 3 (Volume I) and update the permit term information as per Rule 2.03.8



7. Rule 2.03.10: Please review the information provided in Tab 3 (Volume I) and update any information on other licenses and permits if necessary.

#### **Rule 2.04.7 – Hydrology Description**

8. Rule 2.04.7(4) Please update and provide the Division with an updated section in Volume 2 regarding the implementation of a water augmentation plan. Please include any tables and/or maps as necessary via a Minor Revision Application.

#### **Rule 2.04.10 – Vegetation Information**

9. Please review Tab 10 and Table 10-1 (Volume 3) for information regarding the threatened and endangered species list for the plant species that are applicable to the Roadside Portals Mine and update as necessary.

#### **Rule 2.04.11 – Fish and Wildlife Resources Information**

10. Please review Tab 11 and Tables 11-1 through 11-4 (Volume 3) of the permit and update as necessary. Please ensure that the Threatened and Endangered Species list is updated if necessary.

#### **Rule 2.05.3 Operation Plan**

11. Rule 2.05.3(2) – With the approval of SL-11 and TR-71, please update the text on P.12-3 in Tab 12 (Volume 3) to reflect the Operation Description, Permit Area with current information as needed.
12. Please update any Tables in Tab 12 as needed.

#### **2.05.4(2)(b) Reclamation Cost Estimate**

13. The Division updated the reclamation cost estimate for the Rodaside Portals Mine with this renewal application. The updated estimate is attached to the end of this letter for review. The Division has calculated the reclamation costs to be \$48,812.00. The Division currently holds a bond in the form of a corporate surety in the amount of \$65,702.24. The current bond held by the Division is sufficient to cover the remaining reclamation activities for the mine site.

#### **Rule 2.05.6 – Mitigation of Impacts of Mining**

14. Rule 2.05.6(4) – Protection of Public Parks and Historical Places. Please ensure that the information provided in Tab 16 (Volume 5) of the permit is up to date. Include any changes to existing cultural resources and any new ones discovered

since the last renewal. Please also include any new sites that are potentially eligible for protection.

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review for the Roadside Portals Mine's Permit Renewal No. 8 application. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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