

September 20, 2022

Amy Veek GCC Rio Grande, Inc. 3372 Lime Road Pueblo, CO 81004

Re: Acknowledgement of Groundwater Exceedance, Third Quarter 2022; Pueblo Cement Plant, Permit No. M-2002-004

Dear Ms. Veek:

On September 7, 2022, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received your notification of groundwater exceedance of Regulation 41 - The Basic Standards for Groundwater, Table 3 Agricultural Standards for manganese, nickel, selenium, and fluoride.

As noted in the submission the manganese standard is only appropriate where irrigation water is applied to soils with pH values less than 6.0 (Table 3, footnote j). Groundwater at the site is not used for irrigation. The remaining exceedances were at monitoring wells located in the interior of the permitted area. In all cases the Division acknowledges the permittee is in the process of refining the site conceptual model and the currently approved point-of-compliance remains dry.

The Division has no additional comments on the exceedance notification.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact 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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