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October 28, 2022

Mr. Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Rm. 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Adequacy Review Response TR-7, M-1986-015

Dear Mr. Lennberg,

On October 7, 2022, Colorado Water Protective and Development Association (CWPDA) received the adequacy review letter which you sent in response to CWPDA's request for a Technical Revision, submitted on September 28, 2022, to revise the approved reclamation seed mix for the Permit that is more compatible with existing site conditions. CWPDA's responses to your adequacy review are being provided to the Division with this letter.

Best Regards,

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Daniel Tucker, PE Civil Engineer, Colorado Water Protective and Development Association

CC: Kent Ricken - CWPDA General Manager H. Bruce Humphries – Environmental Resources Management

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Adequacy Review (10/28/2022) – CWPDA Responses to Comments

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1. In the online submittal of TR-7 the Operator states a request to reduce the currently approved permit area from 464.49 acres to 349 acres for a reduction of 115.49 acres. A reduction of permit acres cannot be completed through a technical revision. An Acreage Reduction (AR) request needs to be submitted to reduce permitted acres. The Division is aware the Operator has submitted an AR for approximately the same amount of acres. Please affirmatively acknowledge no permit acres will be released through TR-7.

Response: No permit acres are to be released through TR-7.

2. In the online submittal of TR-7 the Operator states a request to reduce the currently approved affected area from 285 acres to 266 acres for a reduction of 19 acres. A reduction of affected acres cannot be completed through a technical revision. Please affirmatively acknowledge no affected acres will be released through TR-7.

Response: No permit acres are to be released through TR-7.

3. In the online submittal of TR-7 the Operator indicated there was going to change in the required bond amount, however no cost estimate was included in the submittal. Does the Operator intend on submitting a revised bond estimate for the site? Please note if a new bond estimate is calculated as part of the TR the Operator will have to submit a Surety Reduction request if there is a reduction. However, if the bond estimate comes out to be more than is currently held the Division will issue a Surety Increase for new amount.

Response: CWPDA does not intend to submit a revised bond estimate as part of the TR.