



November 01, 2022

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RE: Cresson Project, Permit No. M-1980-244, Status Update on Required Corrective Actions

Ms. Smith:

The Division is providing the following status updates on the corrective actions required in the Division's inspection report signed on August 26, 2022:

INSPECTION TOPIC: Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

PROBLEM: The operator is not following the monitoring plan approved in Technical Revision No. 27 (TR-127) for the Valley Leach Facility (VLF) Leak Detection Sumps (LDSs). Specifically, the operator has not placed visual markers in every LDS marking one foot above the bottom of the sump, so that it can be easily determined during the weekly inspection whether water in the sump has reached the level requiring sampling. Additionally, there are buckets still hanging from the sump inlet pipes in some of the LDSs, which was a practice utilized prior to TR-127 approval to determine whether water observed in the sump came from meteoric infiltration or the sump inlet. Keeping the buckets in the sumps interferes with the monitoring and sampling plan approved in TR-127.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: By the corrective action due date, the operator shall provide photographic evidence demonstrating that visual markers have been placed in accordance with TR-127 in the following eight LDSs (for VLF-1): LDS-1, LDS-2, LDS-4, LDS-5, LDS-6, LDS-7, LDS-12, and LDS-13. Additionally, photographic evidence must be provided to demonstrate the buckets have been removed from the following LDSs (for VLF-1): LDS-3, LDS-5, LDS-10, and LDS-11.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: October 25, 2022

STATUS UPDATE: *On October 17, 2022, the operator provided photographs to demonstrate visual markers have been placed in all LDSs and that buckets have been removed from the LDS inlet pipes. On October 26, 2022, the Division requested additional information from the operator. The operator provided the requested information on October 31, 2022. Therefore, the Division considers this problem to be abated.*

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at (303) 866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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