

December 22, 2022

Joe Brinton Ridge Runner Consulting LLC 652 Peony Dr Grand Junction, CO 81507

RE: McClane Canyon Mine, C-1980-004 3rd Quarter 2022 Pond Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Brinton,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received and reviewed the 3rd Quarter 2022 Pond Inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. The report was received on October 26, 2022. The Division has the following comments:

2nd Quarter Pond Inspection Report

4.05.9(17) – All Impoundments are inspected quarterly, by a qualified person designated by the operator, for the appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions. The reports are retained at the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder's office in Grand Junction, CO, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

The inspection of the pond was conducted by Chuck Silengo on September 22, 2022. The report indicates that there were no issues. The field inspections by the Division reflect the information in the report.

This concludes the Division's review of the 3rd Quarter 2022 Pond inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185 or at clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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