

January 12, 2023

Tony Tennyson Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC P.O. Box 628 27646 West 5th Avenue Nucla, CO 81424

RE: New Horizon Mine Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 3rd Quarter 2022 Sediment Pond Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2022. The report was received on August 2, 2022. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rule:

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 New Horizon Mine, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis. No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 3rd quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to be in good repair and functional. The 3rd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance. During the 3rd quarter Pond 013 discharged.

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

Sincerely,

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