



January 20, 2023

Tony Tennyson  
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**RE: New Horizon 2 Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008  
Permit Renewal No. 8 Preliminary Adequacy Review**

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received the New Horizon 2 Mine's submittal of required items for a permit renewal on November 22, 2022. The information provided allowed the renewal to be called complete on November 22, 2022. The Division has completed reviewing the application submittal and the C-1981-041 Permit, and has the following comments and questions:

**Rule 2.03 – Legal, Financial and Compliance and Other Related Information**

1. Please update as necessary the information contained in Section 2.03. This section of the permit contains the names and addresses of the mine operator, the resident agent, surface land owners, subsurface landowners and contiguous surface and subsurface owners.
2. Rule 2.03.4: Please update as needed the officer and control information provided in Section 2.03, including tables and exhibits.
3. Please review Attachments 2.03.6-1, 2.03.7-1, 2.03.8-1, 2.03.9-1, and 2.03.12-1 of the permit and update the maps related to section 2.03 as necessary to reflect any changes that may have occurred.
4. Rule 2.03.5: There have been no violations issued from the division since 2011.
5. Please review the right of entry information in Section 2.03.6, and Attachment 2.03.6-1. Please update any text or exhibit as necessary.
6. Please review the information in Section 2.03.8 and update the permit term information as necessary.



7. Please review the information provided in Section 2.03.10 and update any information on other licenses and permits if necessary.

**Rule 2.04.10 – Vegetation Information**

8. Please review Section 2.04.10 for information regarding the threatened and endangered species list for the plant species that are applicable to the New Horizon 2 Mine and update as necessary.

**Rule 2.04.11 – Fish and Wildlife Resources Information**

9. Please review Section 2.04.11 of the permit and update as necessary. Please ensure that the Threatened and Endangered Species list is updated if necessary.

**Rule 2.05.3 Operation Plan**

10. Please Update Section 2.05.3 as necessary to reflect any changes made to the Operations Plan since RN-7.
11. P.2.05.3-7 contains the same information outlined on p. 2.05.3-4. Please remove this page from the permit since the information on p.2.05.3-4 is from a more recent revision.
12. Please update any Tables and Maps associated with Section 2.05.3 as necessary.

**2.05.4(2)(b) Reclamation Cost Estimate**

13. The Division is currently updating the reclamation cost estimate for the New Horizon 2 Mine. The updated estimate will be sent to the operator under a separate letter in the near future.

**Rule 2.05.6 – Mitigation of Impacts of Mining**

14. Please ensure all information in Section 2.05.6 is up to date. Please revise any sections if necessary.

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review for the New Horizon 2 Mine's Permit Renewal No. 8 application. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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