



January 25, 2023

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

**RE: McClane Canyon Mine, Permit No. C-1980-004
2021 Annual Hydrology Report Review**

Dear Mr. Brinton,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) received the 2021 Annual Hydrology Report for the McClane Canyon Mine on March 14, 2022. The Division has completed the review of the above referenced document and finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

The 2020 report is in compliance with Rules 4.05.13(1), (2), (3) and (4) and the approved permit application package.

Rule 4.05.13(4)(a) – The data collected during the 2021 Annual Hydrology Report (AHR) is kept and maintained at the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder's Office in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Rule 4.05.13(4)(b) – The 2021 AHR is compiled from the analysis of hydrologic data collected from the monitoring period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Rule 4.05.13(4)(c)(i), (ii), (iii) – The 2021 AHR was submitted to the Division by the determined date on which the permittee and the Division agreed to. The report included an interpretation the collected data and identified mining related impacts to the hydrologic balance.

Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) are submitted to the Division on a monthly basis. There were no exceedances recorded at the monitoring locations 001, 002 and 004 during the 2021 water year. For more detailed reviews of the DMRs for the McClane Canyon Mine, please see the Division's quarterly DMR review letters.

The Division has the following adequacy comments regarding the 2021 AHR;

1. The 2021 AHR starts out with a paragraph indicating that the report discussed effects combined with another mine. This is a carry-over from when the Munger Canyon Mine was a permitted site (Munger Canyon Mine is now terminated). **Please revise this**



paragraph to only reference the McClane Canyon Mine or use this paragraph as a historical reference. A new Paragraph should outline the current AHR reporting requirements of the McClane Conyaon Mine. The last sentence of the first paragraph also states that the “McClane Canyon Mine is in Temporary.”. Please revise this to say that the site is in Temporary Cessation if this paragraph remains in the text.

- 2. Page 5 of the AHR contains information in a section titled “Pond Discharges”. This section was not updated with information for the 2021 water year. Please revise this section and provide the Division with a new p.5 with information for the 2021 water year.**
- 3. Table 1 did not include information for the 2021 water year. Please provide the Division with a new Table 1 with 2021 water year information.**

The Division has no further comments. This concludes the review of the 2021 Annual Hydrology Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185.

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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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist