

## QUARTERLY SEDIMENTATION POND INSPECTION REPORT

CDMR Rule 4.05.9(17)

Mine: New Elk

NPDES ID. No.: Pond #1

Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023

Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

**General Description or Reference to Site Plan:**

This pond is located West of the industrial building and serves as a mine water settling and water storage pond.

## EMBANKMENT

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|---|-----------|----------|-----|------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | Excellent | Moderate | Few | Poor |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive | Some     | Few | None |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |           |          |     |      |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes       |          | No  | X    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes       |          | No  | X    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |          | No  | X    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |           |          |     |      |
| _____   |           |          |     |      |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes       |          | No  | X    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |           |          |     |      |
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### PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

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|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Is the principal spillway system in working order?    | Yes <u>X</u>          | No <u>          </u> |
| 2. Is the inlet free of debris and restrictive material? | Yes <u>X</u>          | No <u>          </u> |
| 3. Is the discharge outlet free of restrictive material? | Yes <u>X</u>          | No <u>          </u> |
| 4. Is erosion occurring at the discharge outlet?         | Yes <u>          </u> | No <u>X</u>          |
- Evaluate the severity:                      Extensive                      Moderate                      Just Starting                      **None**

**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY**

1. Does it appear that the emergency spillway has discharged water since the last inspection?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is erosion occurring at any section of the emergency spillway?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X \_\_\_\_\_

**SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY**

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: No sediment in pond

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**OTHER OBSERVATIONS**

Pond liner is in good working condition at time of inspection. Pond was holding water at time of  
inspection. The mine is putting water into the pond. No issues observed.

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Mine: New Elk  
NPDES ID. No.: Pond #4  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This sediment control pond lies west of the Development Waste Pile. The majority of run-off from this waste pile flows to this pond. It has never received sufficient inflow to discharge.

### EMBANKMENT

- |   |                  |          |     |             |
|---|------------------|----------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | <u>Excellent</u> | Moderate | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | <u>Extensive</u> | Some     | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |                  |          |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | <u>Yes</u>       |          | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | <u>Yes</u>       |          | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | <u>Yes</u>       |          | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |                  |          |     |             |
| _____   |                  |          |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | <u>Yes</u>       |          | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |                  |          |     |             |
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### PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

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|--|------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Is the principal spillway system in working order?    | <u>Yes</u>       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 2. Is the inlet free of debris and restrictive material? | <u>Yes</u>       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 3. Is the discharge outlet free of restrictive material? | <u>Yes</u>       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 4. Is erosion occurring at the discharge outlet?         | <u>Yes</u>       |          | No            | <u>X</u>    |
| Evaluate the severity:                                   | <u>Extensive</u> | Moderate | Just Starting | <u>None</u> |

## EMERGENCY SPILLWAY

1. Does it appear that the emergency spillway has discharged water since the last inspection?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X

2. Is erosion occurring at any section of the emergency spillway?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO            X           

## SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X

Explain: Visual observation.

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**OTHER OBSERVATIONS**

Pond was empty at the time of inspection. Willows have been removed from the pond recently.

No issues.

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## QUARTERLY SEDIMENTATION POND INSPECTION REPORT

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Mine: New Elk Pond 6  
NPDES ID. No.: None  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

Pond 6 is a non-discharging facility designed to contain plant processing water. The plant is operational but is sparingly placing water in the pond.

### EMBANKMENT

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|---|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |           |                 |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Explain: No design capacity.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Pond is holding water, but it is not close to full. Flume box needs to be cleaned.

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Mine: New Elk  
NPDES ID. No.: Pond #7  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This sediment control pond lies east of the preparation plant and pond #6. It receives run-off from the majority of the active surface facilities area lying south of State Highway 12.

### EMBANKMENT

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|---|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |           |                 |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |

### PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

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|--|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Is the principal spillway system in working order?    | Yes       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 2. Is the inlet free of debris and restrictive material? | Yes       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 3. Is the discharge outlet free of restrictive material? | Yes       | <u>X</u> | No            |             |
| 4. Is erosion occurring at the discharge outlet?         | Yes       |          | No            | <u>X</u>    |
| Evaluate the severity:                                   | Extensive | Moderate | Just Starting | <u>None</u> |

**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY**

1. Does it appear that the emergency spillway has discharged water since the last inspection?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is erosion occurring at any section of the emergency spillway?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

**SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY**

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: Visual observation. Pond cleaned in early 2017.

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**OTHER OBSERVATIONS**

Pond is holding water, water level is lower than previously observed. No issues

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## QUARTERLY SEDIMENTATION POND INSPECTION REPORT

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Mine: New Elk

NPDES ID. No.: Pond #8

Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023

Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

**General Description or Reference to Site Plan:**

This pond lies north of Highway 12 at the base of the refuse disposal area. The pond receives run-off from the refuse disposal area.

## EMBANKMENT

- |   |           |          |          |         |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | Excellent | Moderate | Few      | Poor    |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive | Some     | Few      | None    |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |           |          |          |         |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes _____ |          | No _____ | X _____ |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes _____ |          | No _____ | X _____ |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes _____ |          | No _____ | X _____ |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |           |          |          |         |
| _____   |           |          |          |         |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes _____ |          | No _____ | X _____ |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |           |          |          |         |
| _____   |           |          |          |         |

### PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

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|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Is the principal spillway system in working order?    | Yes <u>  X  </u>      | No <u>          </u>    |
| 2. Is the inlet free of debris and restrictive material? | Yes <u>  X  </u>      | No <u>          </u>    |
| 3. Is the discharge outlet free of restrictive material? | Yes <u>  X  </u>      | No <u>          </u>    |
| 4. Is erosion occurring at the discharge outlet?         | Yes <u>          </u> | No <u>      X      </u> |

Evaluate the severity:                      Extensive                      Moderate                      Just Starting                      None



**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY**

1. Does it appear that the emergency spillway has discharged water since the last inspection?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is erosion occurring at any section of the emergency spillway?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

**SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY**

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: Visual observation. Sediment cleaned out in May 2018

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**OTHER OBSERVATIONS**

Pumping water from pond 8 to pond 6 during inspection. No issues were observed.

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Mine: New Elk WP Containment #1  
NPDES ID. No.: None  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This containment basin is a non-discharging facility designed to contain run-off from the West Portal Warehouse area.

### EMBANKMENT

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|---|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | <u>Excellent</u> | Moderate | Few      | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive        | Some     | Few      | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |                  |          |          |             |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes _____        |          | No _____ | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes _____        |          | No _____ | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes _____        |          | No _____ | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |                  |          |          |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes _____        |          | No _____ | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |                  |          |          |             |

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Explain: Visual observation.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Containment was empty at the time of inspection.

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Mine: New Elk WP Containment #2

NPDES ID. No.: None

Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023

Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This containment basin is a non-discharging facility designed to contain run-off from the West Portal airshaft and manway areas.

### EMBANKMENT

- |   |           |                 |     |             |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:                  | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:                           | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:                    |           |                 |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?                           | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?                      | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____          |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?              | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? _____ |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?
- YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Explain: Visual observation.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Containment was empty at time of inspection.

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## QUARTERLY SEDIMENTATION POND INSPECTION REPORT

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Mine: New Elk Containment #3  
NPDES ID. No.: None  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This partially incised containment basin is a non-discharging facility designed to contain run-off from the area east of the RDA belt conveyor and south of Highway 12.

### EMBANKMENT

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover: | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:          | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
3. Is wave action causing erosion:
- |                                  |           |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| On the upstream embankment?      | Yes _____ | No <u>X</u> |
| At the principal spillway inlet? | Yes _____ | No <u>X</u> |
4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
- Cause of erosion can be attributed to: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is seepage occurring through the dam? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
- Could this seepage cause potential instability? \_\_\_\_\_

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X
- Explain: Visual observation.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Containment Area was dry at time of inspection.

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Mine: New Elk Containment #4  
NPDES ID. No.: None  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This partially incised containment basin is a non-discharging facility designed to contain run-off from the area west of the RDA belt conveyor and south of Highway 12.

### EMBANKMENT

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|---|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:  | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:   | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:  |           |                 |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?  | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____  |           |                 |     |             |
| _____   |           |                 |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?  | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? <u>No embankment, this is an incised containment basin.</u> |           |                 |     |             |

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Explain: Visual observation.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Containment Area was dry at time of inspection.

## QUARTERLY SEDIMENTATION POND INSPECTION REPORT

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Mine: New Elk Containment #5  
NPDES ID. No.: None  
Inspection Period: First Quarter 2023  
Inspection Date: 3/14/2023

### General Description or Reference to Site Plan:

This partially incised containment basin is a non-discharging facility designed to contain run-off from the RDA belt conveyor area north of Highway 12.

### EMBANKMENT

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|---|-----------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. Adequacy of the vegetative cover:  | Excellent | <u>Moderate</u> | Few | Poor        |
| 2. Erosion forming Gullies:   | Extensive | Some            | Few | <u>None</u> |
| 3. Is wave action causing erosion:  |           |                 |     |             |
| On the upstream embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| At the principal spillway inlet?  | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| 4. Erosion of the downstream toe of the embankment?   | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Cause of erosion can be attributed to: _____  |           |                 |     |             |
| 5. Is seepage occurring through the dam?  | Yes       |                 | No  | <u>X</u>    |
| Could this seepage cause potential instability? <u>No embankment, this is an incised containment basin.</u> |           |                 |     |             |

### SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY

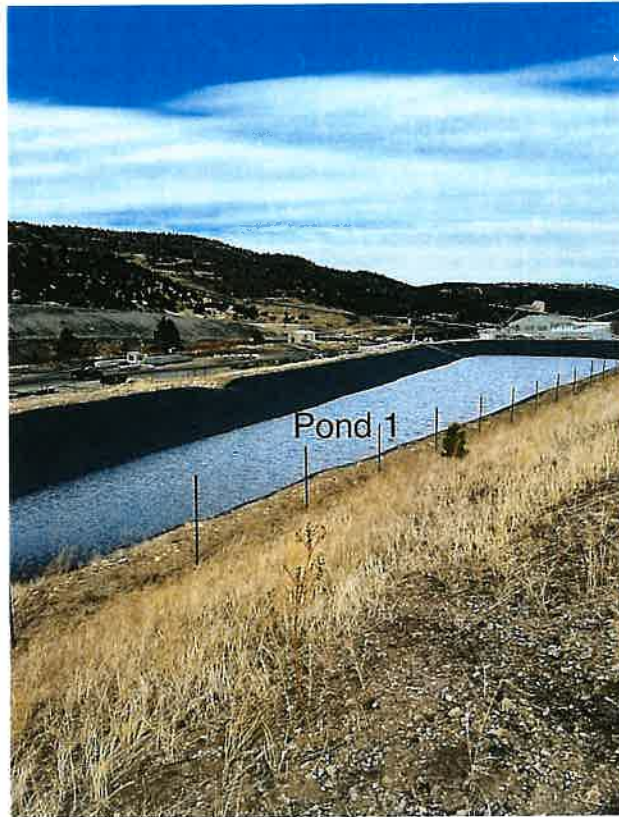
1. Has the design storage capacity of the reservoir been surpassed?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Explain: Visual observation.

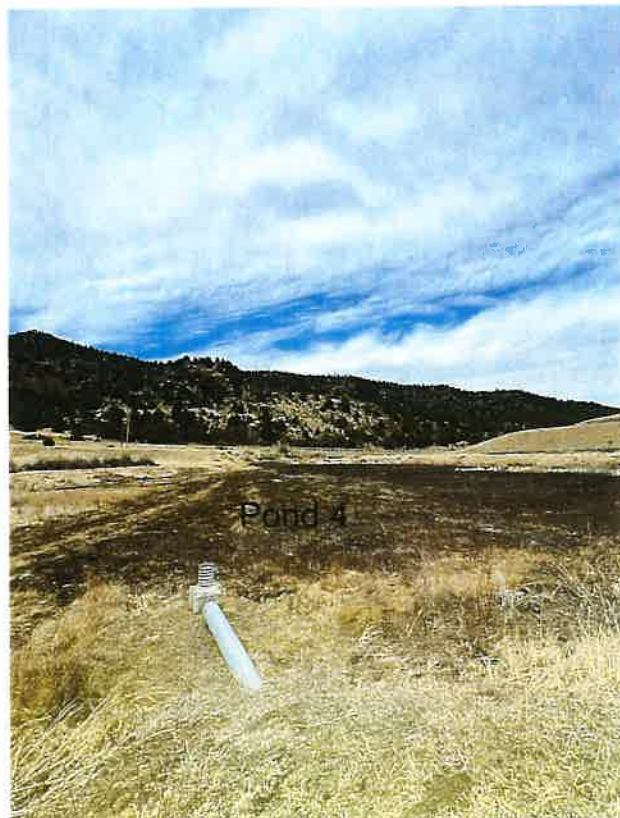
### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Containment Area was holding water. Cleaned in 2022. No issues

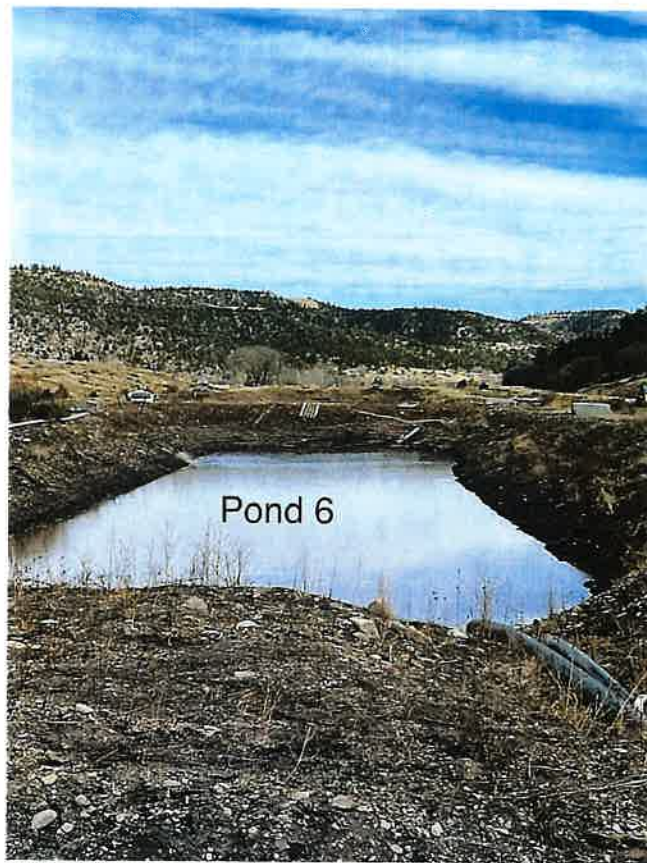
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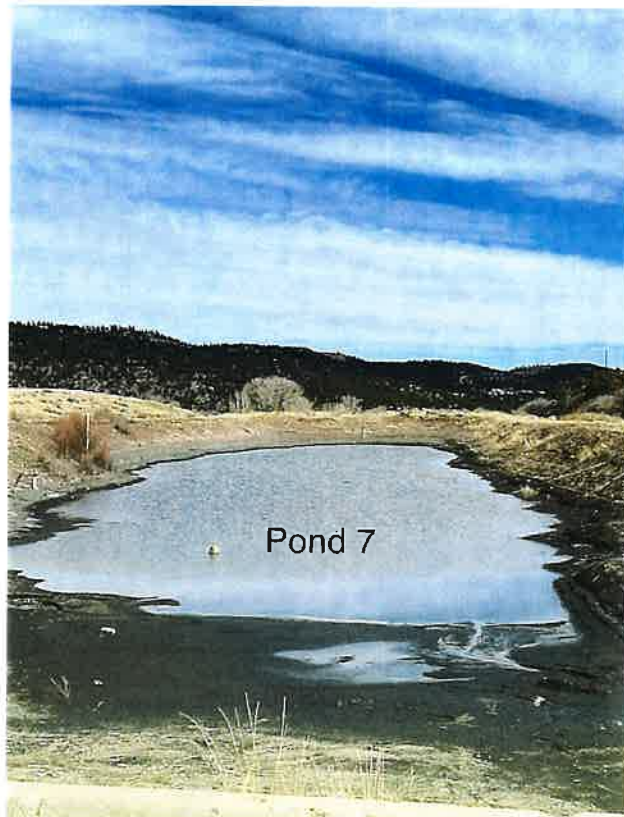
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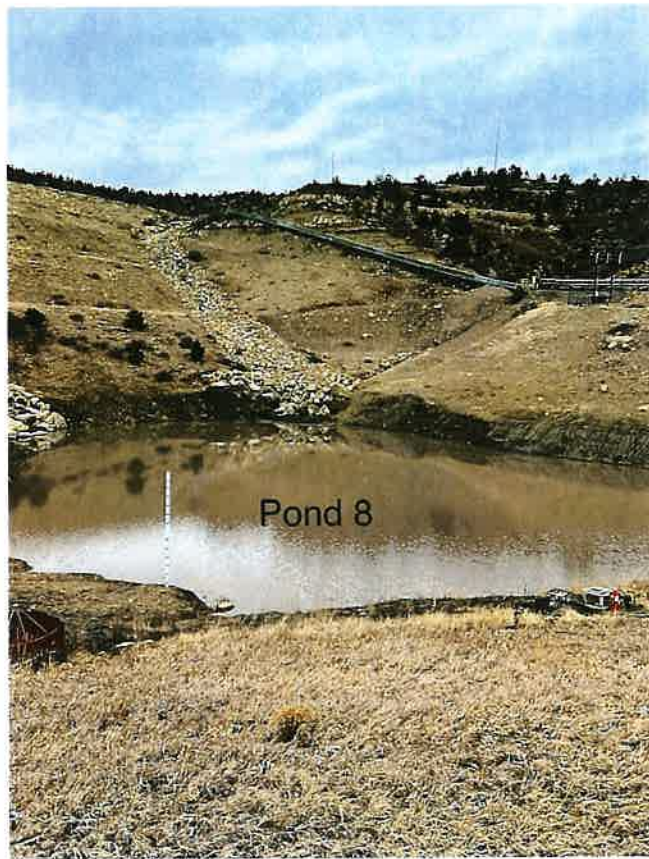


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Pond 7





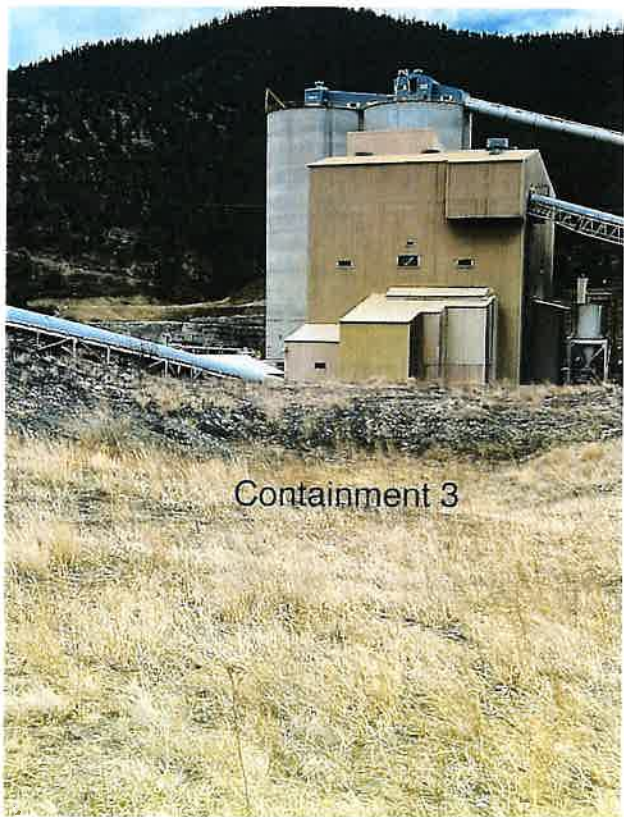
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Containment Area #1



**Containment Area #2**



**Containment Area #3**





Containment 5

Containment Area #5

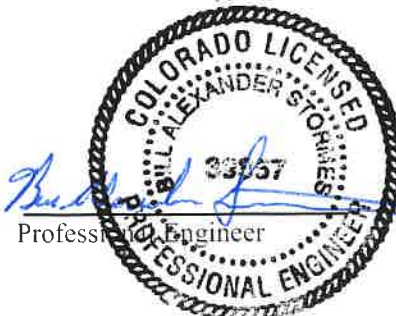
### Certification

This inspection was conducted by Vince Massarotti, a qualified professional and MSHA certified inspector of earth and rock-fill embankments, waste banks and impoundments, under the direction of Mr. Stormes, a registered professional engineer licensed in the State of Colorado.

This is to certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that maintenance, since the previous certification and as determined during this inspection and discussions with mine personnel, is in accordance with designs as approved by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

Vince Massarotti  
Inspector

3-24-23  
Date



Bill Alexander Stormes  
Professional Engineer

3-28-23  
Date

Inspections completed in compliance with Rule 4.09.1(1)(b) must be submitted to the Division within two weeks of completion.