



**COLORADO**  
**Division of Reclamation,**  
**Mining and Safety**  
Department of Natural Resources

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Ben Moline, P.E., Senior Manager  
Water Resources & Environmental Compliance  
Molson Coors Beverage Company  
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**Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028), Review of 2022 Pest and Disease Inspections**

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division has received inspection reports for all four quarters of 2022, written by an environmental consultant, Habitat Management Environmental & Natural Resource Services (Habitat Management). Habitat Management performed inspections of the Keenesburg Strip Mine in March, June, August, and December 2022. The inspector looked for pest and disease issues with vegetation at the site, as well as other problems such as noxious weeds and erosion.

I reviewed these reports, and (based on my own observations during my own inspections) agree that the primary problems at the Keenesburg Strip Mine are:

- Cheatgrass
- Russian thistle
- Kochia
- Erosion from wind and stormwater runoff
- Bare areas.

The Division understands that Coors Energy Company and Habitat Management have been working to address these problems with mowing, revegetation, and other practices.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Rob.Zuber@state.co.us](mailto:Rob.Zuber@state.co.us) or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

