

May 4, 2022

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

RE: McClane Canyon Mine, C-1980-004 1st Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Brinton,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received and reviewed the 1st Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. The report was received on April 28, 2023. The Division has the following comments:

1st Quarter Pond Inspection Report

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 Mesa County Recorder's office in Grand Junction, CO, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

The inspection of the pond was conducted by Joe Brinton on March 27, 2023. The report indicates that there were no issues. The field inspections by the Division reflect the information in the report.

This concludes the Division's review of the 1st Quarter 2023 Pond inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185 or at clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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