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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
P.O. Box 4030
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**Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028),
Review of First Quarter 2023 Pest and Disease Inspection**

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division has received inspection reports for the first quarter of 2023, written by an environmental consultant, Habitat Management Environmental & Natural Resource Services (Habitat Management). Habitat Management performed an inspection of the Keenesburg Strip Mine on February 14, 2023. 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 the reports, and (based 2022 reports and 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 or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist

