



June 9, 2023

Jordan McCourt
GCC Energy, LLC
6473 County Road 120
Hesperus, CO 81326

RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
2022 Annual Reclamation Report Review

Dear Mr. McCourt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has completed its review of the 2022 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) for the King Coal Mine. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

2.04.13(1) – The ARR was received by the Division on February 17, 2023.

2.04.13(1)(a) – The cover of the ARR includes the name of the permittee, the address and the permit number.

2.04.13(1)(b) – The report indicates there were a cumulative total of 25.80 acres disturbed at the mine site. There were 0.00 acres of new disturbance in the calendar year of 2022. The total acreage approved to be disturbed in 2022 at the King Mine is 54.17 acres.

2.04.13(1)(c) – The report indicated that 0.00 acres were backfilled and graded in 2022. The cumulative total reported 1.00 acres for the backfilled and graded field.

2.04.13(1)(d) – The report listed 0.00 acres were topsoiled in 2022. The cumulative total reported 1.00 acres for the topsoiled category.

2.04.13(1)(e) – The report indicated that 0.00 acres were revegetated in 2022. The total acreage reseeded at the mine site is 1.00 acres.

2.04.13(1)(f) – A total of 1.00 acres have been reseeded prior to 2022.

2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2022 ARR included; a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the King Mine.



Adequacy Item No. 1:


In the 2022 ARR, the report indicates that 23.99 acres are in the long-term facilities category and 25.80 acres have been disturbed at the mine. The total acres disturbed at the mine should equal the combination of the acres in long term mining facilities plus the acres backfilled and graded. The information in the 2022 ARR indicates there are 1.00 acres backfilled and graded and 23.99 acres in long term mining facilities. These two categories combined only equal 24.99 acres. There is an additional 0.81 acres unaccounted for. **Please provide the Division with information on where these 0.81 acres are and what category of the ARR table are they supposed to be included in?**

Adequacy Item No. 2

The Division has record that the total acres disturbed at the King Mine total 34.16 acres. The 2022 ARR indicates only 25.80 acres have been disturbed. **Please provide the Division of documentation of where the disturbed acres are at the King I and II Mine and the totals of those acres.**

This concludes the Divisions review of the Annual Reclamation Report for the King Coal Mine. Please provide the Division with responses to the adequacy items above by June 23, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist