

June 28, 2023

Joey Parrish GCC Rio Grande, Inc. 3372 Lime Road Pueblo, CO 81004

Re: Division Comment, 2022 Annual Groundwater Report; Pueblo Cement Plant and Quarry, Permit No. M-2002-004

Dear Mr. Parrish,

On June 20, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received your final responses to the Division's second adequacy review letter, dated March 13, 2023, for the Pueblo Cement Plant and Quarry's 2022 Annual Groundwater Report. After review of the responses the Division has the following comment.

At this time the Division does not consider the data collected during 2022 to satisfy the requirements of TR-11 because not all of the data was collected in a matter consistent with the methods approved in TR-11. Furthermore, the Division would like to reiterate that the Division is requiring the Operator/Permittee to begin submitting Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Reports to demonstrate sampling can be conducted according to the approved methods in TR-11. The due dates for the quarterly groundwater monitoring reports are as follows:

- First quarter report due by May 1st of every year.
- Second quarter report due by August 1st of every year.
- Third quarter report due by November 1st of every year.
- Fourth quarter report due by February 1st of the following year.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (720) 836-0967, or by email at <u>amber.michels@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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