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King Mine 1st Quarter 2023 Coal Processing Waste Piles Inspection Report Review Letter

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To: McCourt Jordan <jmccourt@gcc.com>

Good afternoon Jordan,

attached is the Division's review letter for the 1st Quarter Coal Processing Waste Piles Inspection Report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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

**RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
1st Quarter 2023 Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste
Piles**

Dear Mr. McCourt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Piles for the 1st quarter of 2023. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

4.10.2(1) – The coal waste piles were inspected, on behalf of the person conducting surface coal mining operations, by a qualified registered engineer.

4.10.2(2)(a) – The inspection was conducted quarterly as required by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(b) – The inspection included observations necessary to evaluate the potential hazard to human life and property, to ensure that all organic material and topsoil have been removed and that proper construction and maintenance are occurring in accordance with the plan submitted under Rule 2.05.3(8) and approved by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(c) – The engineer considered the steepness of the slopes, seepage, and other visual factors which would indicate potential failure, and the results of failure with respect to the threat to human life and property.

4.10.2(2)(d) – Copies of the inspection findings are maintained at the mine site.

4.10.2(3) – There were no potential hazards identified in the 1st Quarter Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Piles.

Much of the tops and faces of the upper and lower refuse piles were covered with snow from recent precipitation events. The inspector noted that there were no indications of instability or erosion on the upper and lower refuse piles. **A culvert located under the**



haul road at the north switchback was crushed. When conditions allow, the culvert must be replaced or repaired.

This concludes the Division's review of the 1st Quarter 2023 Professional Certification of the Coal Processing Waste piles for the King Coal Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x 8185 or clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Travis Marshal, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist