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King Mine, C-1981-035, 1st Quarter Pond Inspection Report Review Letter

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Good afternoon Jordan,

Attached is the Division's review letter for the King Mine's 1st Quarter Pond Inspection Report. Please note the adequacy comment and response due date (Aug. 3, 2023). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein**Environmental Protection Specialist****COLORADO**
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July 18, 2023

Jordan McCourt
GCC Energy, LLC
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**RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
1st Quarter 2023 Sediment Pond Inspection Report Review**

Dear Mr. McCourt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 1st Quarter of 2023. The report was received on April 10, 2023. The Division finds the reports to be in compliance with the following Rules:

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 King Mine Office, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

4.05.9(15)(a) – No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 1st quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to be in good repair and functional.

4.05.9(15)(b) – The existing required monitoring procedures were met for the King I Mining Area.

4.05.9(15)(c) - The amount of water impounded in the ponds was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(d) – The existing storage capacity of the impoundments was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(e) – The 1st quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance.

Adequacy Questions:

1. The 1st Quarter Pond Inspection Report only covered ponds and surface drainage features at the King I Mine. The surface drainage features and the pond at the King II Mine were not included in the report. Rule 4.05.9(15) was not met. All ponds and surface drainage features within the C-1981-035 permit must be inspected quarterly and submitted to the Division. Please clarify where the 1st



Quarter monitoring data is for the King II facilities or submit the required information to the Division no later than August 3, 2023.

This concludes the Division's review of the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 1st Quarter of 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185 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