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New Horizon Mine 2023 Annual Impoundment Inspection Report Review Letter

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Thu, Aug 10, 2023 at 10:50 AM

To: "Tennyson, Tony (Colowyo)" <ttennyson@tristategt.org>

Good morning Tony,

Attached is the Division's review letter for the New Horizon Mine's 2023 Annual Impoundment Inspection Report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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2nd Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report and Annual Impoundment Inspection Report Review.pdf

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August 10, 2023

Tony Tennyson
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**RE: New Horizon Mine Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008
2nd Quarter 2023 Sediment Pond Inspection Report and 2023 Annual
Impoundment Inspection Report Review**

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 and the 2023 Annual Impoundment Inspection Report. The report was received on June 28, 2023. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

4.05.9(14)(a) – Annual inspections of the impoundments occurred during the 2nd quarter of 2023.

4.05.9(14)(b) – The reports were certified by a professional registered engineer that the impoundments have been maintained as designed, and in accordance with the approved plans.

4.05.9(14)(c) – Copies of the certified reports are retained at the mine site.

4.05.9(15)(a) – No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 2nd 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.

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 2nd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance.

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 New Horizon Mine, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis. No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 2nd quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to



be in good repair and functional. The 2nd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance.

This concludes the Division's review of the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 and the 2023 Annual Impoundment Inspection Report. 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