

August 16, 2023

Mr. Patrick Lennberg
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: M-1977-439 Technical Revision (TR-06) responses to Adequacy Review No. 1

Dear Mr. Patrick Lennberg:

Please find below our responses to your Adequacy Review No. 1 dated June 28, 2023.

1. In Adequacy Review Response No. 3 of AM-04, dated February 7, 2023, the Operator committed to monthly groundwater level monitoring and submitting those results on a quarterly basis. To date, the Division has not received any groundwater level monitoring data. Please submit all missing groundwater level monitoring data. At a minimum, the submittal shall include the well location map, table(s) that clearly define ground surface elevation for each well location, depth to groundwater from ground surface, graphs of groundwater levels over time, and a statement as to whether the groundwater level has been within 4-feet of ground surface and if so, for how long.

Response

Per AM-04 approved on February 15, 2023, we are to submit the water level data quarterly. Please find the data enclosed in the format that was requested.

As part of AM-04, we did agree to install an underdrain on the north side of G-I if the groundwater levels were within 4-feet of the ground surface for 2 consecutive months. Our monitoring data for HO-01 was hovering around 4 feet until we used the unlined ditch just north of the well to fill the reservoir in May and then unfortunately we have gotten record rain fall every month since. As you can see on the data pulled from the Colorado State University Colorado Climate Center Data for Fort Collins, the past few months have seen between 400% and nearly 1000% more rain than the past 5-year average. Our data for this well shows the water depth has been within 4 feet of the surface for HO-01 since February. There will be more discussion on this shortly in our response to CT-01.

2. The Division recognizes where the G-I and G-II due to prior permitting, however the Technical Revision should be a stand-alone document. Please update with an index map that shows the complete permit boundary, identifies the permit acreage, and the locations of G-I and G-II.

Response

Revised index map is enclosed.

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3. What is the current construction status of the West Underdrain?

<u>Response</u>

The West Underdrain has been constructed. It was installed when the liner for G-II was installed.

4. Please clearly show on the maps the different underdrains, West and North and any others using different shading so it is clear what specific segment of underdrain is part of TR-6.

Response

Revised Exhibit F is enclosed.

5. Please state whether or not the seepage analysis calculations contained in Adequacy Review Response No. 3 were used in the north side underdrain design.

<u>Response</u>

Yes, Schnabel used the same seepage analysis calculations when designing the north extension.

Please accept this letter and enclosures as our response to your technical revision adequacy review and I can be reached at 970-407-3631 if any additional information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

Julie Mikulas

Regional Land Manager

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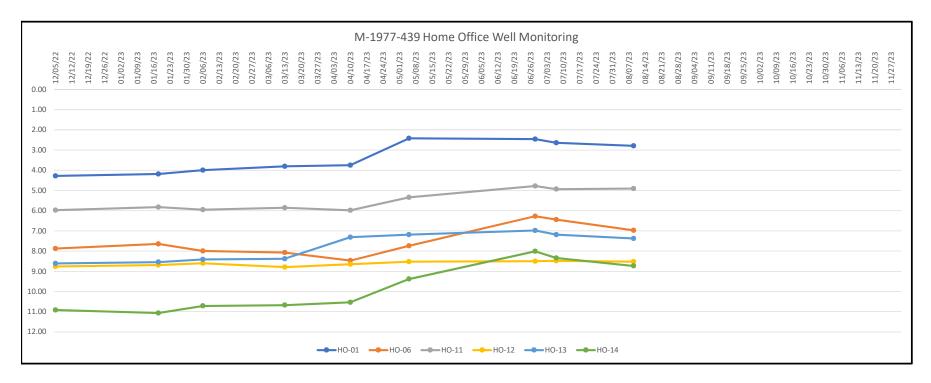
M-1977-439 Home Office Well Monitoring

Depth to Water from Surface (Feet)

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DATE	HO-01	HO-06	HO-11	HO-12	HO-13	HO-14
12/05/22	4.28	7.87	5.97	8.76	8.61	10.91
01/18/23	4.18	7.64	5.82	8.69	8.54	11.06
02/06/23	3.99	7.99	5.95	8.60	8.41	10.71
03/13/23	3.80	8.07	5.85	8.79	8.38	10.67
04/10/23	3.75	8.47	5.98	8.65	7.31	10.53
05/05/23	2.42	7.74	5.34	8.52	7.18	9.38
06/28/23	2.46	6.27	4.78	8.50	6.98	8.01
7/7/2023	2.64	6.44	4.93	8.48	7.18	8.34
8/9/2023	2.79	6.97	4.90	8.52	7.37	8.73

09/01/23 10/01/23 11/1/2023 12/1/2023 Colorado State University - Colorado Climate Center Data - Precipitation pcpn in inches FT COLLINS - Station ID 053005 (Longitude -105.0857 Latitude 40.5763 Elevation 5004 ft

						Previous 5		
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	yr avg	2023	
JAN	0.45	0.49	0.00	0.30	0.85	0.42	0.79	
FEB	0.67	0.16	0.69	0.81	0.98	0.66	0.41	
MAR	0.71	2.02	1.29	2.66	0.97	1.53	1.15	
APR	0.75	1.78	1.71	2.15	0.11	1.30	1.27	
MAY	5.12	2.92	2.55	5.52	2.37	3.70	3.33	
JUN	1.22	2.59	1.33	0.48	0.94	1.31	5.60	
JUL	2.21	1.25	0.15	0.65	3.84	1.62	3.95	
AUG	0.28	0.20	0.48	0.64	0.51	0.42	4.18	to 8/10/23
SEP	0.46	0.71	1.39	0.56	1.22	0.87		
OCT	1.08	0.94	1.14	0.20	0.33	0.74		
NOV	0.62	1.79	0.64	0.26	0.79	0.82		
DEC	0.03	0.57	0.50	0.55	0.32	0.39		
Annual	13.60	15.42	11.87	14.78	13.23	13.78	20.68	



TAFT HILL												
Well Name	HO-1					НС	D-6		HO-11			
Latitude		40.6	21719			40.61	14632		40.621691			
Longitude		-105.	109344			-105.1	09917		-105.105226			
Top of PVC Casing (ft)		502	24.08			501	9.39		5021.36			
Ground Elevation (ft)	5021.21					501	6.45		5018.43			
PVC Stickup (ft)	2.87					2.	94		2.93			
			Ground Water	Depth from			Ground	Depth from			Ground	Depth from
DATE	Reading	PVC Stickup	Elev	Ground	Reading	PVC Stickup	Water Elev	Ground	Reading	PVC Stickup	Water Elev	Ground
12/5/2022	7.15	2.87	5016.93	4.28	10.81	2.94	5008.58	7.87	8.90	2.93	5012.46	5.97
1/18/2023	7.05	2.87	5017.03	4.18	10.58	2.94	5008.81	7.64	8.75	2.93	5012.61	5.82
2/6/2023	6.86	2.87	5017.22	3.99	10.93	2.94	5008.46	7.99	8.88	2.93	5012.48	5.95
3/13/2023	6.67	2.87	5017.41	3.80	11.01	2.94	5008.38	8.07	8.78	2.93	5012.58	5.85
4/10/2023	6.62	2.87	5017.46	3.75	11.41	2.94	5007.98	8.47	8.91	2.93	5012.45	5.98
5/5/2023	5.29	2.87	5018.79	2.42	10.68	2.94	5008.71	7.74	8.27	2.93	5013.09	5.34
6/28/2023	5.33	2.87	5018.75	2.46	9.21	2.94	5010.18	6.27	7.71	2.93	5013.65	4.78
7/7/2023	5.51	2.87	5018.57	2.64	9.38	2.94	5010.01	6.44	7.86	2.93	5013.5	4.93
8/9/2023	5.66	2.87	5018.42	2.79	9.91	2.94	5009.48	6.97	7.83	2.93	5013.53	4.90

TAFT HILL													
Well Name	HO-12					НО	-13		HO-14				
Latitude		40.61	8254			40.61	8117		40.615757				
Longitude		-105.1	09329			-105.1	13706		-105.114103				
Top of PVC Casing (ft)		502	3.53			502	6.66		5023.73				
Ground Elevation (ft)	5021.17					502	3.74		5021.53				
PVC Stickup (ft)	2.36					2.	92		2.20				
			Ground	Depth from			Ground	Depth from			Ground	Depth from	
DATE	Reading	PVC Stickup	Water Elev	Ground	Reading	PVC Stickup	Water Elev	Ground	Reading	PVC Stickup	Water Elev	Ground	
12/5/2022	11.12	2.36	5012.41	8.76	11.55	2.94	5015.13	8.61	13.11	2.20	5010.62	10.91	
1/18/2023	11.05	2.36	5012.48	8.69	11.48	2.94	5015.20	8.54	13.26	2.20	5010.47	11.06	
2/6/2023	10.96	2.36	5012.57	8.60	11.35	2.94	5015.33	8.41	12.91	2.20	5010.82	10.71	
3/13/2023	11.15	2.36	5012.38	8.79	11.32	2.94	5015.36	8.38	12.87	2.20	5010.86	10.67	
4/10/2023	11.01	2.36	5012.52	8.65	10.25	2.94	5016.43	7.31	12.73	2.20	5011.00	10.53	
5/5/2023	10.88	2.36	5012.65	8.52	10.12	2.94	5016.56	7.18	11.58	2.20	5012.15	9.38	
6/28/2023	10.86	2.36	5012.67	8.50	9.92	2.94	5016.76	6.98	10.21	2.20	5013.52	8.01	
7/7/2023	10.84	2.36	5012.69	8.48	10.12	2.94	5016.56	7.18	10.54	2.20	5013.19	8.34	
8/9/2023	10.88	2.36	5012.65	8.52	10.31	2.94	5016.37	7.37	10.93	2.20	5012.80	8.73	



Aerial 06/11/2021

