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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

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Ben Moline, P.E., Senior Manager
Water Resources & Environmental Compliance
Molson Coors Beverage Company
P.O. Box 4030
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**Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028),
Review of Second Quarter 2023 Pest and Disease Reports**

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division has received inspection reports for the second quarter of 2023, written by an environmental consultant, Habitat Management Environmental & Natural Resource Services (Habitat Management). Habitat Management performed an inspection of the Keenesburg Strip Mine on June 9, 2023. The inspector looked for pest and disease issues with vegetation at the site, as well as other problems such as noxious weeds and erosion.

I reviewed the reports, and (based on past reports and on my own observations during my inspections) agree that the primary problems at the Keenesburg Strip Mine are:

- Cheatgrass
- Russian thistle
- Sunflowers.

The Division understands that Coors Energy Company and Habitat Management have been working to address these problems and will continue to address them with various practices including chemical application, mowing, and seeding.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist

