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Mr. Don Coram Sr., President
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Subject: Gold Eagle Mining, Inc.
Uranium Mining Leases DE-RO01-19LM70242, DE-RO01-19LM70240 and
DE-RO01-19LM70253
Completion of Reclamation by Gold Eagle Mining, Inc.

Dear Mr. Coram:

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (LM) is issuing this letter regarding the Gold Eagle Mining, Inc. (GEMI) mines listed below that are leased to you by LM as referenced above and permitted by the Colorado Division of Mine Reclamation and Safety (DRMS) and located on the following Uranium Lease tracts:

- C-SR-13, Burro Tunnel Mine (DRMS ID: M1977-297)
- C-SR-13, Hawkeye Mine (DRMS ID: M1978-311)
- C-SR-13, New Ellison Mine (DRMS ID: M1978-342)
- C-JD-5, JD-5 Mine (DRMS ID: 1977-248)

In a letter dated June 29, 2021, Colorado DRMS determined that reclamation on the above lease tracts is to be completed by **March 18, 2024**.

This letter is a request for a status and details of the reclamation to be performed in accordance with the Colorado DRMS letter, and the response to our letter dated May 11, 2022, regarding LM's comments to the reclamation plans submitted by GEMI. The last correspondence LM received from GEMI regarding this reclamation work was in March 2022.

In our letter to GEMI dated May 11, 2022, LM relayed that the reclamation plans submitted by GEMI for its four (4) permitted operations were incomplete and required additional revision. To date, revised reclamation plans have not been received by LM for review. In addition, LM requested GEMI submit a completed *Uranium Leasing Program Lessee Environmental Checklist* (checklist) for the reclamation work proposed at each permitted mine site. This is required under Appendix C of the above-referenced leases that prior to any resumption of activities, a plan that accurately analyzes the environmental impact of activities is to be provided to LM. It is worth

noting that our May 11, 2022, letter was the third time LM requested these checklists in writing (i.e., letter dated May 25, 2021, email April 12, 2022, and letter dated May 11, 2022). The checklists must be submitted to and approved by LM well in advance of the start of any reclamation activities. LM requires at least 45 days to review and approve each checklist. To date, no checklists have been received from GEMI.

It is important to note that Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife have wildlife restrictions in place that impact timeframes during which reclamation activities at the above referenced lease tracts can be conducted. Seasonal timing limitation for ground disturbing activities occurs from May 15 to July 15 annually. This restriction will minimize impacts on nesting migratory birds and comply with Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Also in place is a stipulation for protection of Wildlife Big Game Wintering that prohibits surface use and surface-disturbing and disruptive activities during December 1 to April 15 annually. Thus, GEMI's reclamation work must be conducted during April 16 to May 14 or July 16 to November 30.

It does not appear these activities are being performed with the reasonable diligence or with the skill and care required to advance these reclamation activities to closure. This lack of action and communication with LM regarding the reclamation plans does not meet the expectations of the general performance requirements under the Lease.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please submit to LM the revised reclamation plans and completed checklists for the above-listed mines. If this information is not received within this timeline, LM may exercise its authority under the Lease, in equity and in law, for any actions or remedies that are available.

Please contact me at (970) 248-6039 or Polly.Robinson@lm.doe.gov if you have any questions. Please send any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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