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**RE: Chambers Pit (M-1980-136) Technical Revision
Mining and Reclamation Plan Updates – Adequacy Response 3**

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Please extend the decision date on this technical revision review to 09/30/23.

Please see the response items for the TR-05 adequacy review of the Chambers Pit from your

Please revise the text of Exhibit E, Item 1, specifically the sentence which reads: “All final mining slopes have been backfilled and graded to their final reclaimed 3H: 1 V slopes or shallower”. The revised text should either retain the commitment to final slopes of 3:1 or shallower, or propose (with reasonable justification) specific areas where there will be a variance to the slope gradient commitment. Note that the post-mining topography should be accurately depicted on the map in Exhibit F, since this will be the reference used during the bond release process.

Exhibit E has been updated as requested. Typos have also been corrected. The revised page is attached.

Please contact my office with any further questions or comments on this application.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT E

RECLAMATION PLAN

1. General Reclamation Plan

The disturbed area to be reclaimed under this permit is 78.3 acres out of the 135-acre permit and affected area. Reclamation of the Chambers Pit will convert all disturbed areas to a post mining land use of Recreation. This is consistent with the requirements of Eagle County, the landowner. Mining has completed onsite and final reclamation is underway.

Table E-1 below summarize the final land uses within the affected area upon completion of reclamation.

Table E-1 Reclamation Areas

Description	Area (Acres)
Access Roads	1.0
Revegetated	77.3
Disturbed Area Total	78.3
Undisturbed & Prev. Reclaimed Area	56.7
Total Affected (Permit) Area	135

Reclamation of all mining areas includes backfilling and grading of slopes, topsoiling, and seeding for revegetation. All final mining slopes will be backfilled and graded to their final reclaimed 3H:1V slopes or shallower. Stockpiled topsoil will be spread across disturbed areas in a 4 to 6-inch lift in a manner that restores the pre-mine soil profile. All areas will be seeded to revegetate the site. Refer to Map F-1 for the site reclamation conditions.

2. Topsoil Replacement

Four to six inches of topsoil will be replaced on all disturbed areas being reclaimed. Topsoil will be sourced from stockpiles kept onsite. Topsoil will be replaced on areas that have been backfilled and graded for reclamation. Topsoil will be replaced by dozers and haul trucks. Topsoiled areas will be disced to a depth of 12 inches to aid in root penetration.

3. Haul Roads and Access

All access roads will be maintained after reclamation to provide site access.