

September 21, 2023

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COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, CO 80203

RE: Bulldog, File No. #M-1977-215, Technical Revision 25 Application Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. McClure:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. Please provide details on the reclamation of new surface infrastructure in accordance with 6.4.5. Specifically, what will happen to the 4" pipe that is planned to be above ground level, the 2" air vent/vacuum breaker, and concrete bollards during reclamation?
2. The Narrative Description states that water treatment and discharge is expected to last 5 years throughout the rehabilitation, resource confirmation and exploration work. In accordance with Rule 6.4.7, will the system be decommissioned and removed from site once exploration work is completed?
3. Given that the water treatment system will use designated chemicals while controlling acid mine drainage, the water treatment system is considered an Environmental Protection Facility (EPF). Please submit SDS sheets of all designated chemicals used in the water treatment process pursuant to Rule 6.4.21(5)(c)
4. Please describe how designated chemicals used in the water treatment process will be stored and handled on site pursuant to Rule 6.4.21(6)
5. The CPDHE Discharge Permit Application was attached to the Narrative Description. Please provide the Division a copy of the approved permit once received from CDPHE pursuant to Rule 6.4.21(4).

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, September 29, 2023 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review.

The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Jesse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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