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King Mine, 3rd Quarter 2023 Coal Mine Waste Bank Inspection Report Review

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Good afternoon Michael,

Attached is the Division's review letter for the King Mine's 3rd Quarter Coal Mine Waste Banks Inspection Report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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October 11, 2023

Michael Dickson
GCC Energy, LLC
6473 County Road 120
Hesperus, CO 81326

RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
3rd Quarter 2023 Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Piles

Dear Mr. Dickson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Piles for the 3rd quarter of 2023. The report was received on October 9, 2023. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

4.10.2(1) – The coal waste piles were inspected, on behalf of the person conducting surface coal mining operations, by a qualified registered engineer on September 28, 2023.

4.10.2(2)(a) – The inspection was conducted quarterly as required by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(b) – The inspection included observations necessary to evaluate the potential hazard to human life and property, to ensure that all organic material and topsoil have been removed and that proper construction and maintenance are occurring in accordance with the plan submitted under Rule 2.05.3(8) and approved by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(c) – The engineer considered the steepness of the slopes, seepage, and other visual factors which would indicate potential failure, and the results of failure with respect to the threat to human life and property.

4.10.2(2)(d) – Copies of the inspection findings are maintained at the mine site.

4.10.2(3) – There were no potential hazards identified in the 3rd Quarter Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Piles.

The 3rd Quarter Coal Mine Waste Banks Inspection Report noted the operator had begun the work to restore the eastern portion of the Lower Refuse Disposal Area (LRDA) to the



approved design under Technical Revision No. 27. During the Division's routine inspection of the mine in August 2023, the Division identified that Reach 13 had been filled in over the course of the summer. The operator worked with the Division to outline a plan to remove coal waste material from the area where Reach 13 was supposed to be and restore the small gulch and ditch located within it. The operator was given until November 1, 2023 to complete the required maintenance items associated with returning the LRDA to its correct configuration.

This concludes the Division's review of the 3rd Quarter 2023 Professional Certification of the Coal Processing Waste piles for the King Coal Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x 8185 or clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist