

October 12, 2023

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: DRMS Annual Report - Ragsdale Reservoirs, Permit M-2020-007 Permittee Name: L.G. Everist, Inc. Anniversary Date: October 14

Dear Division:

The DRMS Annual Report for **Ragsdale Reservoirs, DRMS Permit M-2020-007**, has been submitted online. Included with this letter are the attachments for the online DRMS Annual Report. The annual fee has been paid online with a credit card (\$791 + processing fees).

The DRMS permit for Ragsdale Reservoirs was approved on October 14, 2020. The Weld County USR Mining Permit USR20-0030 was approved December 9, 2020 (USR resolution signed 01/06/21).

The Ragsdale Reservoirs Mining Plan Map shows the various areas of mining and reclamation noted in the Annual Report. The mining map shows active mining areas, reclaimed areas, future mining areas, processing plant, and settling ponds. Weeds are controlled with mowing and spraying throughout the growing seasons.

Mining and processing operations continued in 2022 and 2023. Phase 1A has been mined and will function as settling and fresh water ponds for the life of the mine. Phase 3 contains the processing plant site, conveyors, haul roads and scale-house. A slurry wall has been constructed around Phase 1, and it is the active mining area. Mining and concurrent reclamation will continue in Phase 1 in 2024. Also in the next year, we will be constructing the planned slurry wall around the perimeter of Phase 2. When the mining is nearing completion in Phase 1, we can start mining in Phase 2. We conduct concurrent reclamation as much as possible, which includes backfilling, sloping, bank armoring, and topsoiling as per our permit plans.

The Groundwater Monitoring Report, which includes groundwater data and a map of the groundwater monitoring wells is attached. Data from the wells is collected monthly.

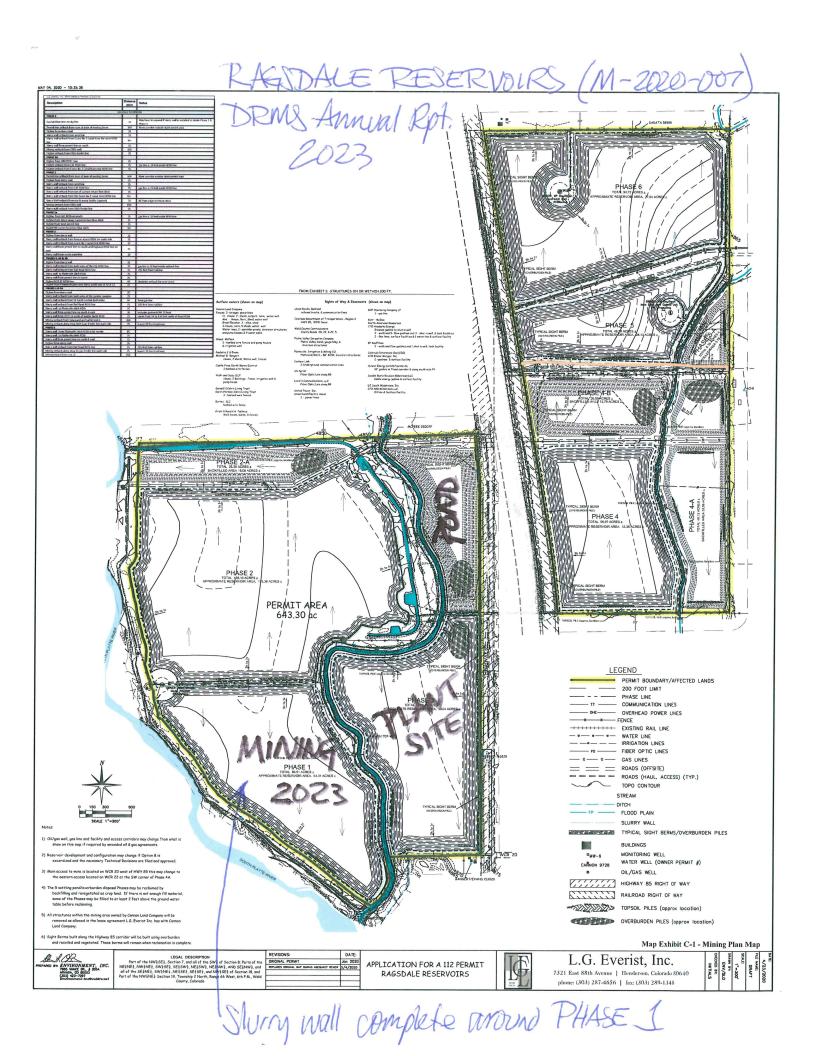
If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 303-286-2247, or Imshults@lgeverist.com.

Sincerely

Lynn Mayer Shults Regulatory Manager

Attachments: - Ragsdale Reservoirs - Exhibit C-1, Mining Plan Map

- Groundwater Monitoring Report & Map





Groundwater Monitoring Report & Map

Site: Ragsdale Reservoirs, DRMS Permit M-2020-007

L.G. Everist, Inc. respectfully submits this **Groundwater Monitoring Report & Map** as part of the **DRMS Annual Report** for **Ragsdale Reservoirs, Permit M-2020-007**.

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This groundwater monitoring report includes monitoring well data from the past year and a map with locations of the groundwater monitoring wells (MW) installed around the permit area. The groundwater monitoring wells were installed in October-2019. Data from the wells is collected monthly. The 2-year baseline time period for the original monitoring wells runs from November-2019 through October-2021. The trigger point allowance range for the monitoring wells is the range between the high baseline levels +3 feet to the low baseline levels -3 feet.

The groundwater levels in all the monitoring wells have come back into their within their baseline ranges and trigger point allowance ranges in 2023. We have had no compliance issues or groundwater level issues this year. Data and notes for all wells follow below and on attached tables.

West side monitoring Wells: MW-01, MW-01A, MW-02, MW-03, MW-04, MW-05, MW-06, MW-07

MW-01 - remained within its baseline range. This well was mined through, and replaced by MW-01A in November-2021. MW-01A is approximately 350 feet northeast of where MW-01 was located.

MW-01A (NE corner of Phase 1A), MW-02 (NE corner of Phase 2) – This year we have had no issues with groundwater levels in either of these wells, and have not affected any neighbors. They are in compliance. MW-01A is at the NEW corner of Phase 1A - which is a settling and fresh-water pond area for the site, and will remain so for the life of the mine. In 2023, we have kept the groundwater levels within the pond at close to original levels. Note: In the Annual Report for 2022, we noted groundwater level issues in these wells. We helped out a neighbor north of Phase 1A – and replaced their shallow house well, even though it was outside of the 600-foot DWR mitigation requirement. Prior to the well replacement, we supplied the neighbor with water as needed. For full details on this – refer to last year's annual report.

MW-03, MW-04, MW-05, MW-06, MW-07 - have remained within their baseline ranges. No issues to discuss.

East side monitoring Wells: MW-08, MW-09, MW-10, MW-11, MW-12, MW-13, MW-14

MW-08, **MW-09**, **MW-10**, **MW-11**, **MW-14** - There were some fluctuations outside of baseline ranges in some of these wells in 2022, but they have all come back into baseline ranges in 2023, and are all in full compliance. There have been no issues with any neighbors.

Note: L.G. Everist does not have any mine activity in the East side of the permit area, which is located on the east side of US Highway 85. Therefore, the fluctuating water levels in these wells are not caused by LGE operations. The fluctuations may be caused by various things, including, but not limited to the climate, irrigation ditches, county road work, and agricultural activity, including irrigated areas and dry-up areas.

MW-12, MW-13 - have remained within their baseline ranges. No issues to discuss.

We continue to check all our monitoring wells monthly and check in with neighbors a regular basis.

L.G. Everist, Inc	L.G. Everist, Inc Ragsdale Reservoirs (M-2020-007) - Groundwater Monitoring Well Data														
	west	west	west	west	west	west	west	west	east						
MONITOR WELL NO.	MW-01	MW-01A	MW-02	MW-03	MW-04	MW-05	MW-06	MW-07	MW-08	MW-09	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14
NORTHING, FT	1,295,898.65	1,296,201.95	1,295,942.41	1,295,534.63	1,293,275.39	1,291,109.84	1,291,668.25	1,292,861.73	1,296,713.39	1,294,323.43	1,294,309.42	1,296,788.30	1,299,372.37	1,299,433.15	1,298,160.70
EASTING, FT	3,193,257.54	3,193,425.03	3,192,033.57	3,189,747.26	3,189,910.84	3,192,292.95	3,193,454.29	3,193,446.12	3,194,014.82	3,194,377.76	3,195,616.77	3,195,447.13	3,196,042.42	3,193,591.30	3,193,833.97
ELEVATION (TOG), FT	4,863.20	4,862.79	4,850.19	4,849.64	4,853.85	4,859.84	4,873.22	4,869.74	4,862.89	4,868.27	4,869.58	4,865.88	4,862.42	4,856.35	4,859.34
CASING HEIGHT, FT	2.90	2.89	2.39	2.94	3.12	2.99	3.10	3.03	2.79	2.92	2.92	2.86	3.03	3.33	2.90
ELEVATION (TOC), FT	4,866.10	4,865.68	4,852.58	4,852.58	4,856.98	4,862.83	4,876.32	4,872.77	4,865.68	4,871.19	4,872.50	4,868.75	4,865.45	4,859.68	4,862.24
for MW-01A, use MW-01 high & low from Feb-2021 - use updated Elevation (TOC) for MW12 until MW-01A has 2-yr baseline (case replaced 02/22/21 and TOC changed										4,865.69					
HIGH (baseline max + 3 ft)	4,854.31	4,854.31	4,849.80	4,846.69	4,849.66	4,859.78	4,862.16	4,861.58	4,855.27	4,860.07	4,862.17	4,857.34	4,857.98	4,852.69	4,853.69
LOW (baseline min - 3 ft)	4,844.45	4,844.45	4,841.82	4,838.78	4,841.76	4,851.02	4,852.17	4,848.96	4,844.63	4,848.09	4,848.95	4,844.95	4,848.60	4,841.36	4,842.95
01/21/22	Destroyed	4,845.65	4,845.57	4,841.69	4,845.02	4,855.41	4,856.08	4,853.25	4,846.68	4,850.32	4,851.69	4,847.58	4,851.74	4,845.27	4,846.36
02/09/22	replaced with	4,844.37	4,844.58	4,842.60	4,845.76	4,854.52	4,855.37	4,852.56	4,846.00	4,849.83	4,851.40	4,847.11	4,851.59	4,844.90	4,847.29
03/04/22	MW-01A	4,842.90	4,843.50	4,842.69	4,845.88	4,854.14	4,854.63	4,851.65	4,844.86	4,848.94	4,850.70	4,846.23	4,851.47	4,843.83	4,844.69
04/19/22	-	4,838.27	4,841.50	4,841.90	4,845.12	4,854.52	4,854.60	4,850.33	4,842.78	4,847.17	4,849.73	4,845.44	4,853.78	4,843.23	4,843.83
05/11/22	-	4,837.34	4,841.24	4,841.87	4,845.09	4,854.91	4,854.83	4,850.99	4,842.47	4,846.88	4,850.37	4,846.57	4,856.58	4,844.13	4,844.11
06/22/22	-	4,833.98	4,839.31	4,842.15	4,845.48	4,855.37	4,855.84	4,851.71	4,840.61	4,845.30	4,849.38	4,844.20	4,855.22	4,843.74	4,843.31
07/26/22	-	4,833.33	4,838.25	4,841.98	4,845.37	4,855.50	4,855.86	4,852.12	4,840.35	4,844.48	4,848.66	4,843.93	4,853.25	4,845.03	4,843.71
08/22/22	-	4,833.92	4,839.30	4,842.62	4,845.66	4,855.69	4,855.89	4,852.38	4,839.92	4,844.86	4,848.44	4,842.84	4,852.88	4,845.24	4,843.45
09/23/22	-	4,835.25	4,839.27	4,841.94	4,845.35	4,855.24	4,855.87	4,852.21	4,840.54	4,845.80	4,848.87	4,842.93	4,852.63	4,845.18	4,843.64
10/31/22	-	4,832.31	4,837.62	4,842.02	4,845.49	4,854.54	4,854.83	4,850.16	4,839.54	4,844.07	4,848.01	4,842.57	4,852.04	4,843.57	4,842.48
11/09/22	-	4,836.93	4,839.33	4,842.08	4,845.48	4,854.53	4,854.37	4,849.92	4,840.48	4,844.94	4,848.25	4,843.10	4,852.00	4,843.28	4,842.44
12/21/22	-	4,841.58	4,841.08	4,842.13	4,845.48	4,854.53	4,853.87	4,849.67	4,841.43	4,845.79	4,848.55	4,843.55	4,851.95	4,843.03	4,842.44
01/11/23	Destroyed &	4,842.23	4,842.38	4,842.38	4,845.58	4,854.63	4,854.17	4,850.32	4,842.33	4,846.69	4,848.80	4,844.10	4,851.90	4,842.73	4,842.39
02/17/23	replaced with	4,842.88	4,843.68	4,842.63	4,845.68	4,854.68	4,854.47	4,850.97	4,843.28	4,847.54	4,849.10	4,844.60	4,851.85	4,842.43	4,842.37
03/24/23	MW-01A	4,843.48	4,844.98	4,842.88	4,845.78	4,854.73	4,854.72	4,851.62	4,844.23	4,848.39	4,849.35	4,845.10	4,851.80	4,842.18	4,842.34
04/28/23	-	4,842.80	4,843.90	4,842.63	4,845.78	4,854.98	4,854.89	4,851.79	4,844.15	4,848.38	4,849.90	4,846.77	4,852.07	4,842.23	4,843.04
05/05/23	-	4,842.13	4,842.83	4,842.38	4,845.78	4,855.23	4,855.07	4,851.97	4,844.08	4,848.37	4,850.45	4,848.45	4,852.35	4,842.28	4,843.74
06/19/23	-	4,846.78	4,845.88	4,846.18	4,849.38	4,855.78	4,855.72	4,852.87	4,846.33	4,850.24	4,851.30	4,846.95	4,853.45	4,843.98	4,845.09
07/17/23	-	4,849.73	4,845.98	4,843.33	4,846.28	4,856.43	4,856.52	4,853.67	4,849.78	4,851.89	4,852.70	4,853.20	4,852.80	4,845.48	4,847.34
08/22/23	-	4,848.68	4,846.23	4,842.68	4,845.93	4,856.08	4,857.27	4,854.67	4,850.58	4,853.34	4,855.05	4,853.10	4,854.25	4,849.28	4,849.54
09/19/23	-	4,850.38	4,846.38	4,842.78	4,846.13	4,856.33	4,857.72	4,854.87	4,851.08	4,853.74	4,855.50	4,853.55	4,854.15	4,848.88	4,849.94
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L.G. Everist, Inc. - Ragsdale Reservoirs (M-2020-007) - Groundwater Monitoring Well Data





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