



November 1, 2023

Mr. Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: New Horizon Mine
Permit No. C-1981-008
4th Quarter 2023 Impoundment Inspections**

Dear Mr. Wein,

Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC (Elk Ridge) operates the New Horizon Mine. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) is the parent company of Elk Ridge. The New Horizon Mine operates under Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Permit No. C-1981-008.

In accordance with Rule 4.05.9(17), Tri-State is submitting the enclosed quarterly impoundment inspections on behalf of Elk Ridge.

If you have any questions about the enclosed quarterly impoundment reports, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Chris Gilbreath
Senior Manager
Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosures

cc: Tony Tennyson (via email)
G474-11.3(21)b-9

New Horizon Mine
Permit No. C-1981-008
4th Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report

Pond Name: **Stock Pond 2 (SP2)**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

Circle or Write appropriate Response

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|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |

Comments: **Pond has a small amount of Standing Water in the bottom from rainstorms**

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4th Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report

Pond Name: **Pond 012**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

Circle or Write appropriate Response

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|-----|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | ☒ Yes | No | N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |

Comments:

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Pond Name: **Pond 013**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

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| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | ☒ Yes | No | N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation | ☒ Yes | No | N/A |
| | Flume in place & functioning | | | |

Comments: **Pond is discharging**

New Horizon Mine
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Pond Name: **Pond 015**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

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|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |

Comments:

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4th Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report

Pond Name: **Pond 016**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

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|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |

Comments:

New Horizon Mine
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Pond Name: **Pond 018**

Date: **31-October-2023**

Inspector's Name: **Jason Carver & Mindy Sickels**

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|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Seepage (specify location, color, and approx. volume) _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 2. | Cracks or scarps on crest or slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 3. | Sloughing or bulging on slopes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 4. | Major erosion problems _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 5. | Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 6. | Water impounded against toe _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 7. | Clogging | | | |
| | a) Spillway channels and pipes _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | c) Diversion Ditches _____ | Yes | ☒ No | N/A |
| 8. | Cracking or crushing of pipes | | | |
| | a) Spillway pipes _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| | b) Decant system _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 9. | Trash racks clear and in place _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |
| 10. | Monitoring instrumentation _____ | Yes | No | ☒ N/A |

Comments:
