



November 22, 2023

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2273 River Road
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**Re: Anderson Pit, File No. M-2005-021,
Technical Revision No. 2 (TR-02) Application, Third Adequacy Review**

Mr. Burkey:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division/DRMS) reviewed the contents of the TR-02 application for the Anderson Pit and the responses to our adequacy review letters. The Division submits the following additional adequacy concerns. The Division is required to issue an approval or denial decision no later than December 8, 2023, therefore a response to the following adequacy review concerns should be submitted to the Division by December 5, 2023, or another extension of the due date will be necessary.

1. On page E-3 of the most recent submittal, the text states that flat bench areas will be utilized as residential sites. However, the reclamation map in Exhibit F does not indicate this land use, nor is residential use consistent with the approved post-mining land use of recreational. Please explain this discrepancy or revise the text on page E-3.
2. Table L-1 in the recent submittal indicates that 25.4 acres will be seeded at this site. However, in the previous submittal, it was stated that 114.2 acres will be seeded. The Division believes that the 114.2 acres appears more accurate, based on Exhibit F. Please revise Exhibit L or explain this major change in the reclamation plan. (Note that for a major change in the reclamation plan, an amendment is required.)
3. In the recent version of Table L-1, there is no indication of mulch being used. Please clarify if mulch is included in the unit costs for revegetation.
4. On page D-3, a truck shop is included in the facilities list. Please indicate in this exhibit if that facility is to be removed or not. If it will be removed, please include the truck shop in the discussion and costs in Exhibit L.



If you have any questions, please contact me at rob.zuber@state.co.us or (720) 601-2276.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zuber".

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.

Environmental Protection Specialist

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