



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

December 8, 2023

Justin Bilyeu  
Shale Tech International Services LLC  
1354 County Road 246  
Rifle, CO 81650

**Duck Creek Mine, Permit No. M-2013-022, Inspection Problem Abated**

Dear Mr. Bilyeu:

On August 9, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of the above referenced site. Financial Warranty was cited as a problem since the Division no longer had an up-to-date topsoil importation cost. Corrective actions required you to provide the Division with an updated cost to purchase and deliver 1,800 CY of topsoil to the mine by the corrective action date.

On December 4, 2023 the Division received the updated unit costs. This satisfies the corrective action and it is considered abated. Based on the information provided the Division will update the reclamation cost estimate.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Amy Yeldell**  
Environmental Protection Specialist

EC: Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, DRMS

