



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

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Ben Moline, P.E., Senior Manager  
Water Resources & Environmental Compliance  
Molson Coors Beverage Company  
P.O. Box 4030  
Golden, CO 80402

**Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028),  
Review of Third Quarter 2023 Pest and Disease Reports**

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division received an inspection report for the third quarter of 2023, written by an environmental consultant, Habitat Management Environmental & Natural Resource Services (Habitat Management). Habitat Management performed an inspection of the Keenesburg Strip Mine in September 2023. The inspector looked for issues with vegetation at the site, including weeds and erosion.

I reviewed the reports, and (based on past reports and on my own observations during my inspections) agree that the primary problems at the Keenesburg Strip Mine are:

- Cheatgrass
- Russian thistle.

The Division understands that Coors Energy Company and Habitat Management have been working to address these problems and will continue to address them with various practices including chemical application, mowing, and seeding.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Rob.Zuber@state.co.us](mailto:Rob.Zuber@state.co.us) or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.  
Environmental Protection Specialist

