

December 29, 2023

Ms. Lori Smith Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company P.O. Box 191 Victor, CO 80860

## RE: Division Adequacy Review No. 2; Technical Revision 139 (TR-139) Water Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Amendment 13 Exhibit G Update, Permit No. M-1980-244

Dear Ms. Smith,

On December 14, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received your responses to the Division's Adequacy Review letter dated November 16, 2023 for Technical Revision 139 (TR-139). After review of the responses the Division has the following list of items that need to be addressed by the Operator.

- 1. Section 5, Sample Frequency, states one well and one surface water location will have a duplicate sample collected per quarter. In ASTM-D7069 Field Quality Assurance in a Groundwater Sampling Event it is stated *it is a widely accepted practice to collect one set of duplicates for every ten samples or at least one set per sampling event if less than ten samples are collected*. Another common industry practice is to collect one duplicate sample for every twenty primary samples collected. There is a potential that during quarterly groundwater sampling more than 20 wells could be sampled in an event. The Division requires a sampling frequency to be indicated.
- 2. Updates completed in the QAPP should be carried over to Exhibit G where appropriate.

This concludes the Division's Adequacy Review No. 2 for TR-139. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional items and/or details as necessary.

The decision date for your application is set for January 18, 2024.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.



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Sincerely,

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