



January 11, 2024

Michael Dickson
GCC Energy, LLC
6473 County Road 120
Hesperus, CO 81326

**RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
2nd Quarter 2023 Sediment Pond Inspection Report Review for
The King I and King II Mine**

Dear Mr. Dickson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2023. The reports were received on August 30, 2023. The Division finds the reports to be in compliance with the following Rules:

4.05.9(17) – All impoundments are inspected quarterly, by a qualified person designated by the operator, for the appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions. The reports are retained at the King Mine Office, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

4.05.9(15)(a) – No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 2nd quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to be in good repair and functional.

4.05.9(15)(b) – The existing required monitoring procedures were met.

4.05.9(15)(c) - The amount of water impounded in the ponds was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(d) – The existing storage capacity of the impoundments was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(e) – The 2nd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance.

This concludes the Division's review of the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185 or clayton.wein@state.co.us.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist

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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist