



January 11, 2024

Joe Brinton
Ridge Runner Consulting LLC
652 Peony Dr.
Grand Junction, CO 81507

**RE: McClane Canyon Mine, C-1980-004
3rd Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report**

Dear Mr. Brinton,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received and reviewed the 2nd Quarter 2023 Pond Inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. The report was received on November 29, 2023. The Division has the following comments:

3rd Quarter Pond Inspection Report

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 Mesa County Recorder's office in Grand Junction, CO, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

The inspection of the pond was conducted by Chuck Silengo on October 25, 2023. The report indicates that there were no issues. The field inspections by the Division reflect the information in the report. **Please ensure that future Pond Inspections are conducted in the quarter in which they are to be collected for as per Rule 4.05.9(17).**

This concludes the Division's review of the 3rd Quarter 2023 Pond inspection Report for the McClane Canyon Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)-866-3567 x8185 or at clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein



Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist