



January 18, 2024

Tony Tennyson
Elk Ridge Mining and
Reclamation, LLC
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**RE: New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008
3rd Quarter 2023 Sediment Pond Inspection Report**

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. The report was received on September 25, 2023. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rule:

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 New Horizon Mine, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis. No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 3rd quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to be in good repair and functional. The 3rd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance. During the 3rd quarter Pond 013 discharged.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

