

January 30, 2024

Ms. Lori Smith
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Re: Additional Information Required, Grassy Valley Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report November 2023; Permit No. M-1980-244

Dear Ms. Smith:

On December 21 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received the monthly sample report for surface water and groundwater samples collected in Grassy Valley on November 15, 2023. After review of the submission the Division has an additional item that needs to be addressed or clarified.

1. It was the understanding of the Division through multiple discussions, including discussion's regarding P2023-008, with the Operator the purpose for constructing an access road to the Point-of-Compliance (POC) well location for GVMW-26A and 26B was to allow for safe access for drilling equipment and serve for consistent long-term access for sampling the POC wells.

During the November 2023 sampling event the Operator did not collect samples from POC wells GVMW-26A and 26B with no explanation given in the cover sheet. The only comment provided was on the field sheets which stated "Road packed with snow inaccessible." The Division noted the weather condition at the time of completing the field form for each well was clear and warm.

It is the Division's expectation that the access road to GVMW-26A/B will be maintained in a manner to insure year round access so samples can be collected from the POC wells. Additionally, if locations that are to be sampled were not sampled, then a narrative should be provided clearly stating the reason.

A response is required.

Please respond to these items within 30 days of the date on this letter, by **February 29, 2024**. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional items and details as necessary



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

Sincerely,



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