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Mr. Clayton Wein
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RE: Sediment Pond Inspection Report for Fourth Quarter 2023.
County Road 65 Subsidence Monitoring Report
Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., Deserado Mine (Permit C-1981-018).

Dear Clayton:

Enclosed is the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the fourth quarter 2023 for the Deserado Mine. The only discharges that occurred during the quarter was from the B-seam dewatering system, D-seam dewatering system, DP-1, and Raw Water Lagoon.

Pumping to the 'D-seam' dewatering pond system was reinitiated during late November 2017. Pumping from the 'B-seam' continued to the old system (BD-1-7 and BD-LC) and should continue that direction until we get a discharge permit at BD2-4.

COUNTY ROAD 65 SUBSIDENCE REPORT

Longwall mining under County Road 65 did not occur during the quarter. Virtually no settlement is visible since the last report. Monitoring of the area is done daily as the area is traversed for other duties around the mine property.

If you have any questions, please call me at (970) 675-4347.

Sincerely,



Jason Tuttle P.E.
Project Engineer

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Blue Mountain Energy, Inc. - Deserado Mine Quarterly Sediment Pond Inspection Report Third Quarter 2023

Inspector: Kurtis Blunt - Sr. Environmental Engineer

Operational Status													
#	Type of Ponds	Name	Description	Date	Approx H ₂ O Level %	Sediment Level %	Outflow		H ₂ O Samp.		Comments		
							Yes	No	Yes	No			
1	Sed Ponds	DP-1	D-Portal	11/23	100	25	X		X		Sediment removed October, 2023		
2	"	RP-A	Refuse Area A	11/23	20	10		X		X			
3	"	RP-1	Refuse Area 1	11/23	0	10		X		X			
4	"	RP-2/3	Refuse Area 2/3	11/23	0	20		X		X	Outfall structure replaced October, 2023		
5	"	RP-4	Refuse Area 4	11/23	0	35		X		X			
6	"	RP-5	Refuse Area 5A	11/23	0	25		X		X			
7	"	RR-1	Railroad Fill Slope Pond 1	11/23	0	5		X		X			
8	"	RRS	Railroad Loadout Washdown Sump	11/23	0	5		X		X			
9	"	SS-1	Slot Storage Building Access Road Pond	11/23	0	10		X		X			
10	"	SS-2	Slot Storage Blding Emerg. Coal Storage Area Pond	11/23	0	6		X		X			
11	"	HSL-1	Halandras Sanitary Land Fill Pond	11/23	0	5		X		X			
12	"	SDH-2U	Down Hole Sump Upper Influent Pond	inactive	inactive	5		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing		
13	"	SDH-2L	Down Hole Sump Lower Effluent Pond	inactive	inactive	5		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing		
14	"	SDH-3L	Down Hole Sump Discharge 2 - Lower	11/23	100	10		X		X	Pumping restarted late November 2017		
15	"	SDH-3M	Down Hole Sump Discharge 2 - Middle	11/23	0	0		X		X	New 10/2015		
16	"	SDH-3U	Down Hole Sump Discharge 2 - Upper	11/23	0	0		X		X	New 10/2015		
17	"	TS-1	Transfer Building 1	11/23	0	20		X		X			
18	"	TS-2	Transfer Building 2	11/23	0	20		X		X			
19	"	TS-2a	Temp Coal Storage by Transfer 2	11/23	0	5		X		X			
20	"	BD-1	B-Dewatering Pond #1	11/23	90	40		X		X	Outflow weekly		
21	"	BD-2	B-Dewatering Pond #2	11/23	95	25		X		X	Outflow weekly		
22	"	BD-3	B-Dewatering Pond #3	11/23	95	0		X		X	Outflow weekly		
23	"	BD-4	B-Dewatering Pond #4	11/23	95	0		X		X	Outflow weekly		
24	"	BD-5	B-Dewatering Pond #5	11/23	95	0		X		X	Outflow weekly		
25	"	BD-6	B-Dewatering Pond #6	11/23	95	0		X		X	Outflow weekly		
26	"	BD-7	B-Dewatering Pond #7	11/23	95	0		X		X	Outflow weekly		
27	"	BD-LC	B-Dewatering Last Chance Pond	11/23	95	0	X		X		Outflow weekly		
28	"	BD2-3	BD2-Dewatering Pond #3 (lower large pond)	11/23	20	0		X		X			
29	"	BD2-4	BD2-Dewatering Pond #4 (discharge pond)	11/23	0	0		X		X			
30	"	BD2-5	BD2-Dewatering Pond #5 (initial small pond)	11/23	0	0		X		X			
31	Proc Pond	PP-1	Prep Plant Process Pond	11/23	60	55		X		X			
32	"	PP-2	Prep Plant Process Pond	11/23	80	50		X		X			
33	"	RW-1	Raw Water Lagoon @ White River	11/23	100	25	X			X	Freshwater storage pumped from river		

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Erosional

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#	Name	Date	Rills & Gullies on Embankment		Adequate Vegetation		Channel Erosion		Embankment Burrows		Other		Comments/ Maintenance Required
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	DP-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
2	RP-A	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
3	RP-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
4	RP-2/3	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
5	RP-4	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
6	RP-5	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
7	RR-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
8	RRS	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
9	SS-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
10	SS-2	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
11	HSL-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
12	SDH-2U	inactive		X	X			X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
13	SDH-2L	inactive		X	X			X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
14	SDH-3L	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Pumping straight to SDH-3L
15	SDH-3M	11/23		X	X		X			X		X	Eroded - No longer active
16	SDH-3U	11/23		X	X		X			X		X	No longer active
17	TS-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
18	TS-2	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
19	TS-2a	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
20	BD-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2012
21	BD-2	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2012
22	BD-3	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Spring 2014
23	BD-4	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2012
24	BD-5	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2012
25	BD-6	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2012
26	BD-7	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2014
27	BD-LC	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Fall 2014
28	BD2-3	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Spring & Fall 2017
29	BD2-4	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Spring & Fall 2017
30	BD2-5	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	Seeded Spring & Fall 2017
31	PP-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
32	PP-2	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	
33	RW-1	11/23		X	X			X		X		X	

Structural

#	Name	Date	Differential Settling		Cracks or Slides		Seepage		Other		Comments/Maintenance Required
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	DP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	Cleanout scheduled for fall '23
3	RP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
4	RP-2/3	11/23		X		X		X		X	Animal burrow found in embankment - repaired
5	RP-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
6	RP-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
7	RR-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
8	RRS	11/23		X		X		X		X	
9	SS-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
10	SS-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
11	HSL-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
12	SDH-2U	inactive		X		X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
13	SDH-2L	inactive		X		X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
14	SDH-3L	11/23		X		X		X		X	
15	SDH-3M	11/23		X		X		X		X	
16	SDH-3U	11/23		X		X		X		X	
17	TS-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
18	TS-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
19	TS-2a	11/23		X		X		X		X	
20	BD-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
21	BD-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
22	BD-3	11/23		X		X		X		X	
23	BD-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
24	BD-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
25	BD-6	11/23		X		X		X		X	
26	BD-7	11/23		X		X		X		X	
27	BD-LC	11/23		X		X		X		X	
31	BD2-3	11/23		X		X		X		X	
32	BD2-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
33	BD2-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
31	PP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
32	PP-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
33	RW-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	

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Appurtenant Structures

#	Name	Date	Defective Spillways		Dewatering Device Clogged		Faulty Gates, Baffles, Pumps		Other		Comments/Maintenance Required
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	DP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
2	RP-A	11/23		X		X		X		X	
3	RP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
4	RP-2/3	11/23		X		X		X		X	Stand Pipe replaced, October 2023
5	RP-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
6	RP-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
7	RR-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
8	RRS	11/23		X		X		X		X	
9	SS-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
10	SS-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
11	HSL-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
12	SDH-2U	inactive		X		X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
13	SDH-2L	inactive		X		X		X		X	Shut off 2/96 due to mine sealing
14	SDH-3L	11/23		X		X		X		X	Pumping straight to SDH-3L
15	SDH-3M	11/23	X			X		X		X	Eroded -no longer active
16	SDH-3U	11/23		X		X		X		X	no longer active
17	TS-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
18	TS-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
19	TS-2a	11/23		X		X		X		X	
20	BD-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
21	BD-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
22	BD-3	11/23		X		X		X		X	
23	BD-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
24	BD-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
25	BD-6	11/23		X		X		X		X	
26	BD-7	11/23		X		X		X		X	
27	BD-LC	11/23		X		X		X		X	
28	BD2-3	11/23		X		X		X		X	
29	BD2-4	11/23		X		X		X		X	
30	BD2-5	11/23		X		X		X		X	
31	PP-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	
32	PP-2	11/23		X		X		X		X	
33	RW-1	11/23		X		X		X		X	

Notes:

I am a professional engineer registered in the State of Colorado and my experience fulfills the requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act.

My certification fulfills the requirements for an annual inspection for impoundments required by Section 4.05.9(14) and quarterly inspections of such by Section 4.05.9(17) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act.

I certify, based on my field observations and those observations of my qualified designates and professional investigations, as detailed above, that the each pond referenced above, at Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., Deserado Mine, located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, was constructed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan and to comply with the requirements of Section 4.05.9.


JASON L. TUTTLE
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