

To: File, Cresson Project, Permit No. M-1980-244

From: Elliott Russell (DRMS)

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: Verbal Notification of Ore Stacking Issue

On February 6, 2024, Johnna Gonzalez with Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V or Operator) notified the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) that on February 4, 2024, while stacking ore in Cell 6 of Valley Leach Facility 2 (VLF2) Phase 3A, ore spilled downhill into Cell 5. In the voicemail left by Ms. Gonzelez, she indicated CC&V had contacted their third-party engineer (Newfields) and based on Newfields' preliminary review there was not a concern because this was a 50-foot lift and that the surveys and photos did not indicate an issue.

Today, February 7, 2024, I spoke with Johnna Gonzalez regarding the notification of the ore stacking issue in VLF2 Phase 3A and inquired about the location of Cell 5 and Cell 6. DRMS requested CC&V prepare a report to fully describe the situation by including maps and figures as well as a confirmation that ore had been stacked in accordance with the procedures outlined in Technical Reivsion TR103.

