

March 14, 2024

Ian Shafer U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management 2597 Legacy Way Grand Junction, CO 81503

Re: Hawkeye Mine, Permit No. M-1978-311, Full/Final Release Request (SL-1), Request for Concurrence

Dear Mr. Shafer,

On March 6, 2024 a Joint inspection of the above listed site was conducted by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and San Miguel County in response to the Operator's request for Full and Final Release submitted on January 25, 2024. During the inspection it was determined that the Operator has successfully complied with the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations and the approved Reclamation Plan. Division Staff is Ready to approve the Release Request for the site.

Per our memo of understanding, this notice is intended to request your official concurrence with the decision to approve the full and final release of the Hawkeye Mine, Permit No. M-1978-311. Please submit your correspondence letter no later than Monday April 1, 2024. If no comments are received by that date, the Division will consider the request approved and notify the Operator. If you require any additional information, have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-919-2997 or by email at <u>lucas.west@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Lucas West Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

CC: Travis Marshall, DRMS

EC: Ian Shafer, DOE Don Coram, GEMI Inc.

