

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

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Re: Notice of Outstanding Corrective Action, Gold Hill Mill, Permit No. M-1994-117

Mr. Langenfeld:

On October 24, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) performed a preoperation inspection of the Gold Hill Mill, M1994-117, in support of the review of the conversion application CN-1. As a result of the inspection the Division cited a problem, see below, that had a corrective action due date of November 24, 2023. To date documentation that the problem has been resolved remains outstanding. <u>Please resolve the corrective action and provide evidence of such</u> <u>resolution on or before September 19, 2024</u>.

Please note that if the corrective action is not properly addressed, and evidence provided to the Division by the date provided above, the listed problem could be escalated to the level of possible violation and referred to the Mined Land Reclamation Board for further action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Acid and Toxic Materials

PROBLEM: Improper storage and presence of hazardous materials on site. During the inspection, 2 barrels of Xanthate, a half pallet of Soda Ash, one barrel of MIBC, several frothing and flotation agents and a few unlabeled containers were observed without secondary containment.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: All storage tanks, petroleum and any hazardous materials on site for any period of time shall have appropriate secondary containment. The operator shall provide photo documentation that all hazardous material containers have been removed from the site on or before the corrective action date. Additionally, the Operator shall provide documentation that the hazardous materials have been properly disposed of at a certified disposal facility.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.

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Sincerely,

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