



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

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**Re: Problem Citation for Outstanding Monitoring Compliance Requirements,
Gold Hill Mill, Permit No. M-1994-117**

Mr. Langenfeld:

In October 2013, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) approved Technical Revision no. 9 (TR-9) that revised the groundwater monitoring plan for the Gold Hill Mill, M-1994-117. Approval of the revised monitoring plan reduced the analyte list and the number of locations to be sampled, but sampling would continue at the quarterly frequency. As part of the approval of the Designated Mining Operation (DMO) conversion application CN-1, approved on February 7, 2024, the Operator, Colorado Milling Company, developed a water monitoring plan for the collection of quarterly groundwater and surface water samples at the site. To date the Operator has not submitted the First Quarter 2024 monitoring report according to TR-9 nor Second Quarter 2024 monitoring report according to the approved DMO application CN-1.

Therefore, the Division is citing a problem for failure to collect water monitoring data according to the approved water monitoring plan and failure to demonstrate the Operator is minimizing disturbances to the hydrologic balance both during and after mining and during reclamation, pursuant to Rule 3.1.6.

Please provide the missing quarterly reports on or before September 21, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg
Environmental Protection Specialist



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