



September 19, 2024

Mr. Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Minor Revision No. 133 (MR-133)
Geotechnical Drilling & Test Pits

Dear Mr. Wein:

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LCC (ERMR), New Horizon Mine. Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of ERMR is submitting minor revision 133 (MR-133) to Permit No. C-1981-008.

MR-133 propose two geotechnical bore holes (B-4 and B-5) and three shallow test pits (B-6, B-7, and B-8). These geotechnical bore holes and test pits are necessary to assess soil and ground conditions to assist in design of a planned water treatment plant adjacent to Pond 013.

It is requested that the Division calculate the reclamation cost liability for the two geotechnical bore holes and three test pits. To support the Division's reclamation cost estimate, each bore hole will be 100 feet in depth below existing ground surface, six inches in diameter, and each boring will have approximately twenty cubic feet of backfill volume. Soil cuttings removed to support the boring will be used as backfill. The proposed test pits will be dug with a backhoe or similar sized equipment and will be two feet in width, four feet in length and up to 10 feet in depth. Soil remove from test pits will be used in backfilling the pits when they are no longer necessary.

If you have any questions about the enclosed minor revision, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 or tennyson@tristategt.org.

Sincerely,

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