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King Mine, C-1981-035, 3rd Quarter Pond Inspection Report Review

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Thu, Oct 17, 2024 at 11:33 AM

To: Michael Dickson <michael@summitmining.co>

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Good morning Moichael,

Attached with my email is the Division's review letter for the King Mine's 3rd Quarter Pond Inspection Report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

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October 17, 2024

Michael Dickson
GCC Energy, LLC
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**RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
3rd Quarter 2024 Sediment Pond Inspection Report Review for
The King I and King II Mine**

Dear Mr. Dickson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2024. The reports were received on October 9, 2024. The Division finds the reports to be in compliance with the following Rules:

4.05.9(17) – All impoundments are inspected quarterly, by a qualified person designated by the operator, for the appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions. The reports are retained at the King Mine Office, and copies of the reports are submitted to the Division on a quarterly basis.

4.05.9(15)(a) – No indications of seepage, erosion or animal burrows were identified in the 3rd quarter. Spillways for the ponds were noted to be in good repair and functional.

4.05.9(15)(b) – The existing required monitoring procedures were met.

4.05.9(15)(c) - The amount of water impounded in the ponds was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(d) – The existing storage capacity of the impoundments was documented in the report.

4.05.9(15)(e) – The 3rd quarter report did not list any other aspects of the structure affecting stability, or requiring maintenance at the sediment ponds.

Comments:

1. The 3rd quarter report indicated that a recent precipitation event had occurred. The sediment ponds were found to be in good condition. The report recommended maintenance to Reach 10. The operator's representative noted that the upper portion of reach 10 had the riprap eroded away. Additionally, the section below that point had eroded the side of the channel above the south haul road switchback. GCC has been continuously performing maintenance on Reach 10 as necessary.



2. The inspector noted in the 1st Quarter Report, the concrete armored section of the east clearwater ditch, minor cracks had developed. The inspector noted in the 3rd Quarter Report, the cracks had not noticeably changed from the previous inspection. The inspector recommended monitoring this section of the ditch.

This concludes the Division's review of the Sediment Pond Inspection Report for the 3rd quarter of 2024. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720)-762-6156 or clayton.wein@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist