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Q2 Report Reviews

1 message

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To: Kurt Blunt <kblunt@deserado.com>
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Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 3:44 PM

Kurt,




Please see the attached Review Letters from the Q2 Pond & Subsidence Report, DMR Report and Wastebank Report.

I will work on getting you the Review Letters for the Q3 reports you recently submitted. Hope you have a good day.

Thanks,
Todd

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Environmental Protection Specialist
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3 attachments

-  **2024-10-30 2nd Quarter Pond Inspection Report and Subsidence Monitoring Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
201K
-  **2024-10-30 2nd Quarter 2024 DMRs Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
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-  **2024-10-30 2nd Quarter Coal Waste Bank Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
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October 30, 2024

Kurt Blunt
Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.
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Rangely, CO 81648

RE: Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018
2nd Quarter 2024 Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks

Dear Kurt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks for the 2nd quarter of 2024. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules and **has the following adequacy comments and questions:**

4.10.2(1) – The coal waste banks were inspected, on behalf of the person conducting surface coal mining operations, by a qualified registered engineer.

4.10.2(2)(a) – The inspection was conducted quarterly as required by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(b) – The inspection included observations necessary to evaluate the potential hazard to human life and property, to ensure that all organic material and topsoil have been removed and that proper construction and maintenance are occurring in accordance with the plan submitted under Rule 2.05.3(8) and approved by the Division.

4.10.2(2)(c) – The engineer considered the steepness of the slopes, seepage, and other visual factors which would indicate potential failure, and the results of failure with respect to the threat to human life and property.

4.10.2(2)(d) – Copies of the inspection findings are maintained at the mine site.

4.10.2(3) – There were no potential hazards identified in the 2nd Quarter Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks.

Refuse material was hauled and placed at the RP-A refuse pile during the quarter. There were no indications of seepage or any indications of slope failure. The slopes of the piles



are stable and only some localized erosion has occurred. The surface drainage facilities are properly conveying surface runoff from the refuse bank areas.

Adequacy Questions:

- 1. The 2nd quarter report does not discuss if compaction tests were performed. Please include in future quarterly reports a short discussion of whether compaction tests were performed during the quarter.**

This concludes the Division's review of the 2nd quarter 2024 Professional Certification of the Coal Processing Waste Banks for the Deserado Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720)-688-0626 or todd.jesse@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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