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## Q3 Report Reviews

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Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 11:31 AM

To: Kurt Blunt <kblunt@deserado.com>

Cc: Clayton Wein - DNR <clayton.wein@state.co.us>, Travis Marshall - DNR <travis.marshall@state.co.us>

Kurt,

Please see the attached Review Letters from the Q3 Pond & Subsidence Report, DMR Report and Wastebank Report.

Hope you have a good day.

Thanks,

Todd

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Environmental Protection Specialist

Minerals Program, Grand Junction Field Office

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### 3 attachments



**2024-11-05 3rdQuarter 2024 DMRs Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**

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**2024-11-05 3rd Quarter Coal Waste Bank Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**

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**2024-11-05 3rd Quarter Pond Inspection Report and Subsidence Monitoring Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**

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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

November 5, 2024

Kurt Blunt  
Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.  
3607 County Rd. 65  
Rangely, CO 81648

**RE: Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024. The report was received on October 29, 2024. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks.
- 4.10.2(4)(c)** – Compaction testing was conducted roughly every thirty days during the quarter on newly compacted areas.



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.

This concludes the Division's review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:todd.jesse@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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Environmental Protection Specialist  
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Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist GJFO