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Re: Hukill Gulch Millsite TC2 Notice of Incompleteness

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Mason Drake <mason.drake@venturegoldusa.com>

Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 8:19 PM

To: "Gagnon - DNR, Nikie" <nikie.gagnon@state.co.us>, PATRICK MAHER <mptmaher@msn.com>

Hello Nikie,

We do acknowledge that the notice submitted on November 18, 2024 is for a 2nd temporary cessation period. Our last sustained full-time work activity at the site was in late October of 2019. Since then, we have continually monitored the site (including groundwater), and accomplished various maintenance and cleanup activities (weed control, removal of dead trees, etc).

As for the corrective actions required, the lime is scheduled to be moved to our storage facility next week, and we have commissioned the replacement of the silt fencing.

On the stormwater retention issue, I have referred to our Reclamation Plan, which was submitted and approved in our overall permit application process.

Measures shall also be applied to any residual stormwater that may have been captured by the Stormwater Sedimentation Collection Pond. A maximum storage volume of 184,430 gal. should be considered. Since this water is diverted stormwater, it should be in a quality acceptable to be discharged down Hukill Gulch in the normal course of the watershed. This should be done within 72 hours of the storm event. Enough time should be allowed for any sediment to settle before pumping operations. At an easily achievable 65 gal/min, it would take 2 days to pump this water. If contamination is evident, than this water shall be evaporated in the same manner as the process water.

We can commit to more frequent monitoring of any stormwater collecting there, and discharge it more quickly.

Thank you,

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From: Gagnon - DNR, Nikie <nikie.gagnon@state.co.us>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 2:23 PM**To:** Mason Drake <mason.drake@venturegoldusa.com>; PATRICK MAHER <mptmaher@msn.com>**Subject:** Hukill Gulch Millsite TC2 Notice of Incompleteness

Hello Patrick and Mason.

Please see the attached letter regarding the Temporary Cessation notice for the Hukill Gulch Millsite submitted to the Division. Basically, we need you to confirm the date of the last activity of the site. Additionally, the Mineral Rules for Hard Rock Mining Operations do not allow us to grant temporary cessation if a site is not in compliance with all the requirements of the permit. The attached letter describes two items that must be addressed now. The other inspection problems must be completed before March 31, 2025. Once we receive evidence that all the corrective actions have been completed, we will set a hearing date for the temporary cessation. If approved by the Board, the TC be retroactive to the date set for the beginning of the 2nd period of TC.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the path forward.

Kind regards,

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