

January 21, 2025

Mr. Ben Langenfeld Lewicki & Associates, PLLC 3375 West Powers Circle Littleton, CO 80123

Re: Division Comment, Fourth Quarter 2024 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report; Gold Hill Mill, Permit No. M-1994-117

Dear Mr. Langenfeld,

On January 10, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received the Fourth Quarter 2024 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report for the Gold Hill Mill. After review of the submission the Division has the following comment.

At this time the Division does not consider the Fourth Quarter 2024 monitoring data to qualify as one quarter of pre-operation monitoring because the data was not collected and analyzed in a manner consistent with the approved Water Monitoring Plan and what the Operator/Permittee committed to in CN-1, approved on February 7, 2024.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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