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Date: January 21, 2025
To: Leigh Simmons
From: Amy Yeldell – Cost Estimating Task Force
Cc: Travis Marshall, Amy Eschberger
RE: M-1984-041, Eagle-Gypsum Mine, Site-wide Reclamation Cost Estimate

Hi Leigh,

On January 21, 2025, the site-wide reclamation cost estimate that was requested from the task force on November 9, 2023, was completed. Amy Yeldell of the task force led the project. On March 12, 2024, the site was inspected. General compliance with Mine Plan was cited as a problem requiring the Operator to submit a Technical Revision (TR) to clarify key aspects of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the purposes of determining the “worst-case scenario” site liability. This information was originally due on May 24, 2024, an extension was requested, and TR-12 was filed on June 20, 2024. Ultimately five adequacy reviews took place. Staff coordinated with the Operator and their consultant to clarify the intended reclamation process as per the Reclamation Plan verses the most expeditious way in the event of bond forfeiture. Completion of the Reclamation Plan is contingent on mining through all of the permitted phases. Ultimately the reclamation cost estimate represents reclaiming the site as per the minimum requirements of the Act and Rules based on current site conditions. Actual site reclamation will occur throughout life of mine and involve more blending of topography.

The Operator provided a spreadsheet with their inputs and tasks. The proposed total site-wide liability is \$12,738,409. The Division produced its own estimate based on the Operators spreadsheet. Any variations or deviations from the Operators input is noted for future estimates. The Division estimates the liability to be approximately \$11,949,595, therefore the Division should accept the Operators proposed amount. The Division confirmed with the BLM to ensure that the estimate and Reclamation coincided with their needs.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell
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