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## C1980007, West Elk Mine, DMR Review, March 2025

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To: "Munz, Robert" <RobertMunz@coreresources.com>

Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 2:20 PM

Bob,

The Division's review of the March 2025 Discharge Monitoring Report is attached. No action is required on your part.

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Bob Munz  
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April 23, 2025

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**March 2025 Discharge Monitoring Report (CO-0038776)**

Dear Mr. Munz,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) has reviewed and found the above referenced report to be in compliance with Rule 4.05.13(2). The February Discharge Monitoring Report for the above referenced CDPS Permit were received by the Division on 23 April, 2025.

As was the case in February, several outfalls permitted under CO-0038776 discharged during the month of March. Exceedances for iron (total recoverable) were reported at outfalls 025, 026, 027 and 032.

The applicable standards, under CO-0038776, for iron at each of the noted outfalls are 1 mg/L 30-day average, and 6 mg/L daily maximum. The report notes that the samples collected at the four noted outfalls contained iron as follows:

- Outfall 25 (conveying stormwater from drainage basin 49A5): 27 mg/L (up from 21)
- Outfall 26 (conveying stormwater from drainage basin 49A3): 9.2 mg/L (down from 47)
- Outfall 27 (conveying stormwater from drainage basin 49A2): 42 mg/L (down from 99)
- Outfall 32 (conveying stormwater from drainage basins 43A and 43F): 7.4 mg/L (down from 19)

Additionally, the sample collected from Outfall 30 (conveying stormwater from drainage basins 46B1 and 46B2) contained iron at 41 mg/L (up from 30), but the standard at that outfall is "Monitor Only".

It is noted that based on a Memorandum of Understanding between CDRMS and the Water Quality Control Division (WQCD), the WQCD will be responsible for enforcing CDPS permit conditions including the above referenced exceedances.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Simmons  
Environmental Protection Specialist

