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Attn: Clayton Wein, Environmental Protection Specialist

Re: GCC Energy, LLC, King I Mine CDRMS Permit # C-1981-035

March 2025 Complete Inspection Maintenance Items #3 - Proposed Plan

Mr. Wein:

In response to the recent observations from the March 2025 Complete Inspection and subsequent discussions with the Division, GCC Energy (GCCE) has developed a plan to address coal dust accumulations identified within the permit and affected area boundaries, as well as to ensure the protection of Clearwater Ditch-1A (CWD-1A). The Division has granted GCCE a 90-day time frame to determine the source of the accumulated coal dust. This time frame started with the release of the March Inspection Report on April 16th, 2025, and will end on July 15th, 2025. This memo outlines the steps GCCE will take to mitigate the issue, minimize additional disturbances, and identify the source of the accumulations.

To formally define the area identified in the March Complete Inspection, GCCE specifies the affected zone as located between CWD-1A station points 11+80 and 13+20. These points will be clearly marked to support the following steps outlining the measures that will be implemented to mitigate coal dust accumulations, protect CWD-1A, and identify the source of the issue while minimizing additional disturbance.

1. Silt Fencing Installation:

Silt fencing will be installed on the hillside, along station points 11+80 to 13+20 of the CWD-1A. This measure aims to prevent any runoff from depositing fines into CWD-1A.



2. Addressing Coal Dust Accumulations:

- Location: The accumulations will be addressed only within the Disturbed Area Boundary, specifically between station points 11+80 and 13+20. Refer to the Maintenance Inspection Report and Map "King II-007 B" which are attached.
- Method: Cleanup will be conducted using handheld tools, such as rakes and shovels, to minimize vegetation disturbance and avoid displacing additional fines along the hillside. Care will be taken to ensure the accumulations are removed without exacerbating the issue.
- Adjustments as Needed: If additional accumulations are identified within the Disturbed Area Boundary but outside the area between station points 11+80 and 13+20, these will be addressed upon identification. GCCE will notify the Division upon completion of any such cleanup.

3. Monitoring and Reporting:

- Continuous Monitoring: The site will be regularly monitored throughout the 90-day inspection period granted by the Division, using the attached Maintenance Inspection Report. These reports will be filed throughout the 90day period to track conditions and ensure the effectiveness of implemented measures.
- Source Identification: During the 90-day period, GCCE will attempt to definitively identify the source of the accumulations through monitoring. Once the source is identified, corrective actions will be promptly undertaken, pending Division approval. If additional time is required to determine the root cause, GCCE will submit a formal extension request to the Division before July 15th, 2025
- Adjustments as Needed: Any observations indicating that further action is required will be addressed promptly in coordination with the Division.



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Sincerely,

Michael Dickson

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Attachments: King II Maintenance Inspection Report, Map (King II-007 B Clearwater Ditches As-Built).



GCC Energy, LLC King II

Location: Hillside (Station 11+80 to 13+20) Maintenance Inspection Report

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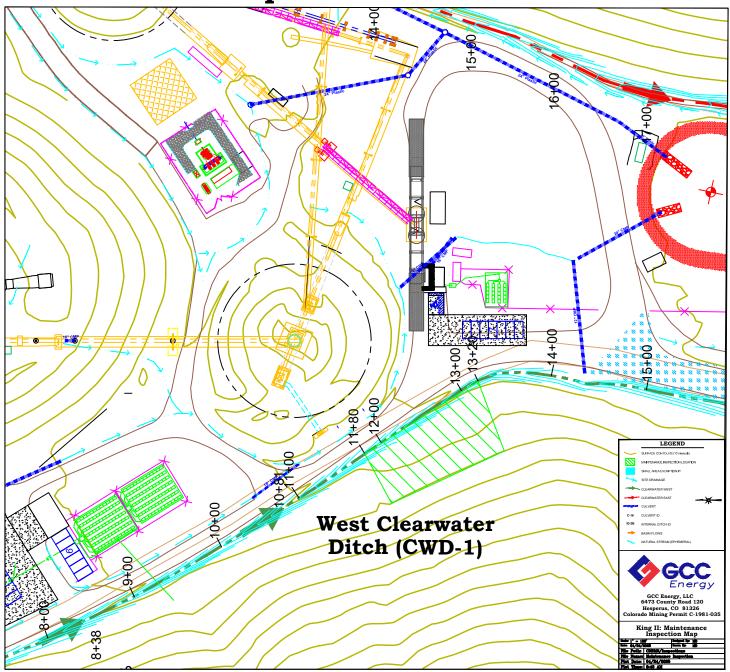
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