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Q4 Report Reviews

1 message

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To: Kurt Blunt <kblunt@deserado.com>

Mon, May 5, 2025 at 2:36 PM

Kurt,




Please see the attached review letters from the Q4 Pond & Subsidence Report, DMR Report, and Wastebank Report.

Sorry it took so long to get these out. I will get the 2025 Q1 review back to you ASAP.

-Todd

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3 attachments

-  **2025-05-05 4th Quarter Pond Inspection Report and Subsidence Monitoring Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
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-  **2024-05-05 4th Quarter 2024 DMRs Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
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-  **2025-05-05 4th Quarter Coal Waste Bank Report Review Letter C-1981-018.pdf**
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Kurt Blunt
Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.
3607 County Rd. 65
Rangely, CO 81648

RE: Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018
4th Quarter 2024 Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks

Dear Kurt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has reviewed the Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks for the 3rd quarter of 2024. The report was received on October 29, 2024. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

- 4.10.2(1)** – The coal waste banks were inspected, on behalf of the person conducting surface coal mining operations, by a qualified registered engineer.
- 4.10.2(2)(a)** – The inspection was conducted quarterly as required by the Division.
- 4.10.2(2)(b)** – The inspection included observations necessary to evaluate the potential hazard to human life and property, to ensure that all organic material and topsoil have been removed and that proper construction and maintenance are occurring in accordance with the plan submitted under Rule 2.05.3(8) and approved by the Division.
- 4.10.2(2)(c)** – The engineer considered the steepness of the slopes, seepage, and other visual factors which would indicate potential failure, and the results of failure with respect to the threat to human life and property.
- 4.10.2(2)(d)** – Copies of the inspection findings are maintained at the mine site.
- 4.10.2(3)** – There were no potential hazards identified in the 4th Quarter Professional Certification for the Coal Processing Waste Banks.
- 4.10.2(4)(c)** – Compaction testing was conducted roughly every thirty days during the quarter on newly compacted areas.



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Refuse material was hauled and placed at the RP-A, RP-5A, and RP-2/3/4 refuse piles during the quarter. There were no indications of seepage or any indications of slope failure. The slopes of the piles are stable and only some localized erosion has occurred. The surface drainage facilities are properly conveying surface runoff from the refuse bank areas.

This concludes the Division's review of the 4th quarter 2024 Professional Certification of the Coal Processing Waste Banks for the Deserado Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720) 688-0626 or todd.jesse@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Jesse".

Todd Jesse
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