



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

8 May 2024

Ms. Miranda Kawcak
Seneca Property, LLC
29515 Routt County Road #27
Oak Creek, CO 80467

**RE: Technical Revision TR54
Yoast Mine, Permit No. C1994082**

Dear Ms. Kawcak;

The Division has completed its preliminary review of Yoast Mine's permit revision Technical Revision No. 54, TR54 received by the Division on 21 April 2025 via electronic submission. DRMS found the proposed revision complete on 1 May 2025. The proposed decision due date is 30 June 2025. This date is well after the bond release inspection date 5 June 2025 for termination of jurisdiction is scheduled. Please submit responses to adequacy by **15 May 2025** in order to allow ample time for DRMS to review and respond. In order for DRMS to make a finding for discontinued monitoring Seneca Properties must provide information, analysis, data and abandonment methods to support the review of the technical revision.

Please see the Division's questions below regarding the applications compliance with the following Rules.

2.07.3.	2.05.6(3)	4.07.3
4.07.4		4.05.14

Adequacy questions below are numbered and in bold.

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Rule: 2.07.3

Seneca Properties has not yet provided proof of publication for the Yoast Mine TR 54

1. Please Provide Proof of Publication.

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Rule 2.05.6

Seneca Properties appear to request removal of wells YW7 and YOV9 while leaving well Y30.

DRMS finds his request reasonable



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Rule: 4.07.4

Seneca Properties requests removal of wells YW14 and YOV15 because water levels were historically less than 2 feet.

This request appears reasonable as water levels as per DRMS's review of the AHRs.

Seneca Properties requests removal of all ground water monitoring in preparation for abandonment procedures to take place prior to final release of the site through the SL9 termination of jurisdiction bond release scheduled for June of 2025.

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Rule 2.05.6

DRMS reviews annual hydrology reports individually on an annual basis. DRMS notes that in Permit Tab 15 *Hydrologic Monitoring Program* the Technical Revision 47 section states that Seneca Properties committed to restart monitoring one year prior to final bond release, the discontinued parameters (aluminum, arsenic, boron, cadmium, chloride, chromium, copper, lead, mercury nickel and zinc) and returning the sampling frequency from annual to biannual. Several wells as per Table 15-8 of the current monitoring plan in the permit were suspended with monitoring discontinued until one year prior to final bond release. Seneca Properties provided Table 15-8 with the TR54 application summarizing monitoring sites at the Yoast Mine.

DRMS finds in the 2024 water year Annual Hydrology Report the annual monitoring results for wells not suspended, however DRMS does not find the semiannual and annual results for the wells designated suspended in Table 15-8 Ground Water Monitoring Frequencies (Pgs.31 and 32) of Tab 15 *Hydrologic Monitoring Program*.

2. **Please indicate to DRMS that monitoring occurred for the suspended wells for the 2023-2024 water year as per Tab 15 of the permit and cite the reference document for this data.**

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Rule: 4.05.14, 4.07.3 and 4.07.4

3. **Will any wells including any proposed for reduced monitoring remain post-bond release? If so, please identify them and provide proof these wells are approved to remain for other purposes by the Colorado Division of Water Resources (State Engineer); and/or please provide proof these wells have been legally transferred in accordance with Rule 4.05.14?**

- 4. Pursuant to Rule 4.07.3(2)(c) please provide abandonment reports for any wells abandoned as per Table 1.**
- 5. Also, Pursuant to Rule 4.07.3(2)(c) please provide abandonment reports for any wells planned to be abandoned prior to final bond release.**

DRMS has no further questions regarding the above mentioned permitting action.

Sincerely,



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