



June 5, 2025

Lynn Shults
L.G. Everist, Inc.
7321 E. 88th Ave. Suite 200
Henderson, CO 80640

Re: Ragsdale Reservoirs, Permit No. M-2020-007, Adequacy Letter 2

Dear Ms. Shults:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) reviewed the content of the applicant's Adequacy Review #1 Responses submitted by Environment, Inc. on May 22, 2025, and determined the applicant has addressed all the adequacy items to date. After a review of the reclamation cost estimate submitted in Exhibit L, the Division has the following comment.

Exhibit L – Reclamation Costs

The Division accepts the applicant's reclamation cost estimate of \$3,535,000.00. This is based on a maximum allowable disturbance area of 350 acres, which includes areas that have been reclaimed but have not been released. The cost estimate includes all reclamation tasks for Phases 1, 1A, and Phase 2, and a 20% contingency for the installed slurry walls on the west side of the permit area. Phase 3 is currently utilized as the plant area and is not currently bonded for a slurry wall since it will be several years before this area is mined. **Please commit to submitting a technical revision, including an updated reclamation cost estimate, for the next phase of mining and reclamation in Phases 4 through 6, before exposing groundwater or installing a slurry wall on the east side of the permit area.**

The decision date for this application is **June 30, 2025**. Please respond prior to the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (720)527-1640 or by email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Nikie Gagnon
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Steve O'Brian, Environment, Inc.

