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King Coal Mine, C-1981-035, 2023 and 2024 ARR Review Letter

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To: McCourt Jordan <jmccourt@gcc.com>, Kretz Samantha <skretz@gcc.com>, Michael Dickson <michael@summitmining.co>

Good afternoon Jordan,

Please see the attached review of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Reclamation Reports for the King Mine. Please note the adequacy items and response due date within the letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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June 5, 2025

Jordan McCourt
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RE: King Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
2023 and 2024 Annual Reclamation Report Reviews

Dear Mr. McCourt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has completed its review of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Reclamation Reports (ARR) for the King Coal Mine. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

2023 ARR:

2.04.13(1) – The ARR was received by the Division on February 27, 2024.

2.04.13(1)(a) – The cover of the ARR includes the name of the permittee, the address and the permit number.

2.04.13(1)(b) – The report indicates there were a cumulative total of 44.65 acres disturbed at the mine site. There have been 18.85 acres disturbed at King I and 25.80 acres have been disturbed at King II. There were 0.00 acres of new disturbance in the calendar year of 2023. The total acreage approved to be disturbed in 2023 at the King Mine was 54.17 acres.

2.04.13(1)(c) – The report indicated that 0.81 acres were backfilled and graded in 2023. The cumulative total reported 2.50 acres for the backfilled and graded field.

2.04.13(1)(d) – The report listed 0.81 acres were topsoiled in 2023. The cumulative total reported 2.50 acres for the topsoiled category.

2.04.13(1)(e) – The report indicated that 0.81 acres were revegetated in 2023. The total acreage reseeded at the mine site is 2.50 acres. 0.69 acres at King I and 1.81 acres at King II.

2.04.13(1)(f) – A total of 1.69 acres have been reseeded prior to 2023.



2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2023 ARR included; a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the King Mine.

2024 ARR:

2.04.13(1) – The ARR was received by the Division on February 18, 2025.

2.04.13(1)(a) – The cover of the ARR includes the name of the permittee, the address and the permit number.

2.04.13(1)(b) – The report indicates there were a cumulative total of 44.65 acres disturbed at the mine site. There have been 18.85 acres disturbed at King I and 25.80 acres have been disturbed at King II. There were 0.00 acres of new disturbance in the calendar year of 2024. The total acreage approved to be disturbed in 2022 at the King Mine was 54.17 acres.

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2.04.13(1)(f) – A total of 2.50 acres have been reseeded prior to 2024.

2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2024 ARR included a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the King Mine.

Adequacy Item No. 1:

The 2023 and 2024 Annual Reclamation Reports included the ARR form and maps. The submittals for both years did not include any text documenting the reclamation activities that have occurred and locations within the permit. The reports indicated that 1.81 acres have been backfilled and graded, topsoiled, and seeded. There were also no seed tags included with the reports documenting what seed mix was used on the 1.81 acres of reclamation. **Please submit all information required under Rule 2.04.13(1)(e).**

Adequacy Item No. 2:

The 2024 ARR indicated that 0.36 acres were added to the Non-Permanent Facilities category. There was no text included with the 2024 ARR documenting what the 0.36 acres are associated with. **Please include text documenting where the 0.36 are located and what the acreage is associated with.**

Adequacy Item No. 3:

Rule 2.04.13(3) requires underground mining operations to submit a map with the ARR showing the current location and extent of the active and inactive mine workings. **Please submit a map as required under Rule 2.04.13(3).**

Adequacy Item No. 4:

The reports indicate there are 18.52 acres at King I in the Long-Term Facilities category and 23.99 acres at King II in the Long-Term Facilities category. The total Facilities in the long-term category totals 42.51 acres. The report indicated that 2.5 acres have been backfilled and graded. The reports indicate that 44.65 acres have been disturbed at the King I and II sites. For underground mining operations the acres backfilled and graded plus the acres in the long-term facilities should equal the acres disturbed at the mine site. When the acreages are added from the 2024 ARR, the acres backfilled and graded plus the acres in long term facilities equals 45.01 acres. This is 0.36 acres more than the acres listed as disturbed at the King I and II sites. **Please explain where the 0.36 acres comes from. Was the 0.36 acres from the addition to the acreage in the Long-Term Facilities category? If so, the 2024 ARR needs to have the acreages in these three categories reflect the actual totals for Acres Disturbed, Acres in the Long-Term Facilities, and the Acres Backfilled and Graded. Please update the 2024 ARR as necessary.**

This concludes the Divisions review of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Reclamation Report for the King Coal Mine. **Please provide the Division with responses to the adequacy items above by June 25, 2025.** If you have any questions, please contact me at (720)-762-6156.

Sincerely,



Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist GJFO