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New Horizon Mine, C-1981-008, 2019-2024 Annual Reclamation Reports Review

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To: "Tennyson, Tony (Colowyo)" <tony.tennyson@tristategt.org>

Good afternoon Tony,

Attached with my email is the Division's review letter for the 2019 through 2024 ARR's for the New Horizon Mine. Please note the adequacy questions within the report. The Division is currently working on getting all mine site acreages updated if necessary through the ARR's. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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**RE: New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008
2019-2024 Annual Reclamation Reports Review**

Dear Mr. Tennyson,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has completed reviewing the 2019 through 2024 Annual Reclamation Reports (ARR) for the New Horizon Mine. The Division finds the report in compliance with the following Rules:

2.04.13(1) – The ARR were received by the Division prior to the due date of March 15th of each year.

2.04.13(1)(a) – The cover of the ARR included 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 307.2 acres disturbed at the mine site in 2024.

Adequacy Item No. 1:

The Division's ARR form requests the fields within the report include all acreage from the life of the mine. This includes acres that have been Phase III released and acreage released from the permit. The Division has a total of 989 acres that were disturbed within the permit. **Please update the 2024 ARR form with the total number of acres disturbed at the mine site from your records.**

2.04.13(1)(c) – The report indicated that no acres were backfilled and graded in 2024. The report indicated that a total of 261.9 acres has been backfilled and graded.

Adequacy Item No. 2:



The Division has a record of 793.75 acres that have been backfilled and graded at the New Horizon Mine. **Please update the 2024 ARR to reflect the number of acres that have been backfilled and graded during the life of the mine.**

2.04.13(1)(d) – The report listed that no acres were topsoiled in 2024. The cumulative total reported 270.5 acres for the topsoiled category.

Adequacy Item No. 3:

Please update the 2024 ARR form with the number of Acres that have been topsoiled during the life of the mine.

2.04.13(1)(e) and 2.04.13(1)(f):

Adequacy Item No. 4:

Please update the 2024 ARR with the number of acres that have been seeded during the life of the mine. Including the 9 years or less and 10 years or greater categories.

2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2024 ARR included a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the Deserado Mine, a summary of the reclamation at the mine site, and a copy of the seed mix tag used for the reclaimed areas.

Adequacy Item No. 5:

Please update the 2024 ARR with all categories within the Long-Term Facilities if necessary. The acreage should reflect all facilities, both permanent and non-permanent, for the life of the mine.

Adequacy Item No. 6:

All fields under the Bond Release category should be filled out with the number of acres throughout the life of mine. **Please update the 2024 ARR form with the number of acres Phase I, Phase II and Phase III Released for the life of the New Horizon Mine.** The ARR form is organized to track all acres of a mine site even if acres that have achieved Phase III Release are removed from the current permit. The Division currently has a total of 989 acres that have been Phase I released, 793.75 acres that have been Phase II released, and 643.82 acres that have been Phase III released. **Please compare these acreage totals to your records. If you records have different totals, please provide the Division with a summary of how ERMR has calculated the total for acres that have achieved Phase I, Phase II and Phase III release.**

The Division has no further comments. Please respond to this adequacy letter by July 1, 2025. This concludes the review of the 2024 Annual Reclamation Report for the New Horizon Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720)-762-6156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist GJFO