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### RE: M1990-057 | Leadville Mill Legacy Piles Covered

Dear Lucas and Todd,

Per your site visit and discussion on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and site inspection report of May 14, CJK Milling has completed the covering of; the 3 mine dump piles located on the East side of the property, labeled from South to North as LG-1, LG-2, and LG-3, and the legacy tailings pile, located on the Northwest corner of the property, proximate to our neighbors, and the subject of the complaint.

All four (4) piles are now covered. As discussed, the cover is placed against the piles with 1000-lb tensile strength marine grade rope and ballast materials to prevent wind from getting underneath the piles-the primary cause of the previous cover failure. All edges also have heavy rocks which, along with the rope, ensure wind cannot get under the pile.

Old cover material shown in the photos will be removed from the site and will be properly disposed, as part of our annual site clean-up activity scheduled for July.

See photos of the covered piles taken on Wednesday early evening July 11, 2025.



LG-1 – Front, Facing Southwest



**LG-1 – Back, Facing East**



**LG-2 – Front, Facing Northeast**



**LG2 - Back, Facing Southwest**



**LG3 - Front, Facing Northeast**



**LG3 - Back, Facing North**



**Tails – Front, Facing North**



**Tails – Side, Facing East (Represents View by Neighbors)**



**Tails – Close Up View Showing Cover Placement Method (Ropes & Ballast Materials)**

Placing the cover on the tailings pile was a 2-day operation. During both days, the neighbor's dogs entered the property while we were working and were barking at us in a loud and threatening manner. On the first day this occurred, the owner had to trespass onto our property to call off his dogs. In the second instance, he was able to call off his dogs from his side of the fence. Fortunately, the dogs did not attack us. CJK will not take any action at this time with the hope that our neighbor will prevent his dogs from entering CJK property in the future.

Please contact me at 303-947-3499 or [nmichael@unionmilling.com](mailto:nmichael@unionmilling.com) if CDRMS requires additional information or if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
For  
**CJK MILLING COMPANY LLC**

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