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Ragsdale Adequacy Letter 3

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To: Lynn Mayer Shults <lmshults@lgeverist.com>, "Environment, Inc." <environment-inc@startmail.com>

Hi Lynn.

Please see the attached adequacy letter for the Ragsdale Reservoir site. The Division reviewed the proposed reclamation plan for the reservoir slopes and we are concerned that the gravel band will not be enough to prevent erosion of the 3H:1V slope around the reservoirs. DRMS cannot release a site if the slopes are not vegetated or stabilized with rip rap. Gravel can be placed on the flat surface where the access road will be left around the reservoirs, but the slopes above the water line must be stabilized to prevent erosion.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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June 16, 2025

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Re: Ragsdale Reservoirs, Permit No. M-2020-007, Adequacy Letter 3

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. After a review of the reservoir reclamation changes proposed in Exhibit E, the Division has the following additional question.

Exhibit E – Reclamation Plan

The Operator proposes to leave a gravel band around the reservoirs between the high-water line and the slurry wall. The slopes will be graded to 3H to 1V and no soil cover or vegetation is proposed. Per Rule 6.5(2) and Rule 3.1.5, please demonstrate how the placement of gravel alone will ensure stability of the reclaimed slope, control erosion and prevent slides or other damage to the pit slopes without established vegetation or the placement of rip rap for stabilization.

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.
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