



July 2, 2025

Harry Colborn  
Badger Hole LLC  
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Rifle, CO 81650

**RE: JOKER PLACER PROJECT, FILE NO. P-2024-015, BADGER HOLE LLC,  
MODIFICATION REQUEST (MD1), DEFECIENCY REVIEW NO. 2**

Dear Harry Colborn:

On July 1, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and (Division) received your deficiency review responses for Modification Request (MD1). The Division has reviewed the response for deficiencies. Please address the following items:

1. Please confirm for the Division if the narrative in Item No. 5 on page 6 of the application suggests that all 18 sample sites *combined* will be less than 1.5 acres.

**Response:** There was a typo on the online form, which should have been less than 0.15 acres each site instead of 1.5 acres each. The correct acreage was indicated on the table which was included in the package and is copied here again to show the correct figures: **Resolved.**

2. Please inform the Division if the settling pond portion of MM Reservoir #2 will be reclaimed at the conclusion of prospecting activities or if the pond will be cleaned out and left in place. If the settling pond portion of MM Reservoir #2 will be reclaimed, what is the acreage of this area out of the 1.2 acres total for the entire MM Reservoir #2?

**Response:** The settling pond (upper) portion of the MM Reservoir #2 will cover 0.4 to 0.6 acres depending on fill level. The settling pond will remain in use after the period of prospecting, for use in mining (the mine plan application will follow shortly). Then it will be cleaned if needed and left in place. **Resolved.**

3. For the purposes of bonding, please provide the Division with a length in liner feet for the water line to be installed (above and below ground) in support of wash plant operations.

**Response:** It is not planned to line this area of the pond. The bottom is already clay rich and will hold the water to an acceptable level for the planned usage. As no chemicals will be used in the process, there are no chemicals to leach into the ground water. If a liner were to be required, the suggested liner would be approximately 175x125 feet.

**Response:** In the above adequacy item, the Division is referencing the above and below ground water line shown on the site maps (see below) and referenced in the BLM addendum application attached with the MD1 application. Please provide the liner feet of water pipeline to be installed above and below ground to support the wash plant operation.





Please provide a written response to address the above deficiencies within 60 days of this notice or the Division may deny the application.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or [hunter.ridley@state.co.us](mailto:hunter.ridley@state.co.us)

Sincerely,  
Hunter C. Ridley

Environmental Protection Specialist  
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