## STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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October 9, 2012

Don Coram Gold Eagle Mining, Inc. 845 E. Main Street Montrose, Colorado 80203



John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

Loretta Piñeda Director

Re: Notice of Incomplete Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) Submittals, Permit Site and Numbers: Hawkeye Mine, M-1978-311, Ellison Mine, M-1978-342, Burros Mine, M-1977-297, and JD-5 Mine, M-1977-248.

Dear Mr. Coram,

On October 1, 2012 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Gold Eagle's submittals of EPP's for the above referenced sites. Per Rule 1.4.1(8) this letter is to notify Gold Eagle that the submittals are considered incomplete. The Division has determined that the submittal of an EPP for existing uranium mines is a significant change to the permit and is required to be submitted as an amendment to the permit per CRS 32-116.5 (4) (b). All other uranium mine operators have met this requirement. Additionally, all general exhibits must be reviewed and brought up to date since all permits appear to have not had any activities or permit review since originally submitted almost 35 years ago. Gold Eagle has sixty (60) days from the date of this letter, <u>December 10, 2012</u>, to submit all required information and fees to make the EPP application complete for review.

Gold Eagle's submittals do not include:

- A properly completed amendment application form,
- appropriate amendment fee for the size of the permit,
- proper public notices per Rule 1.6.2 (1),
- certification that a copy of the submittal for public review has been placed at the County Clerk per Rule 1.6.2(2)
- updated information for all appropriate general exhibits per Rule 6.3 and 6.4 respectively.
- Updated Mine, Reclamation, and EPP Maps that conform to Rule 6.2.1(2),
- A complete plan under Exhibit U, EPP that meets all the requirements of Rule 6.4.21 and Rule 7.3.

Please note failure to submit an acceptable EPP amendment as noticed by the Division on September 30, 20011 and submitted by October 1, 2012 shall be considered a failure to comply with the Act, Rules, conditions of a permit, and regulation. Per CRS 34-32-124 the Division will initiated enforcement actions against an operator for failure to comply which may include corrective actions of civil penalties, cease and desist order, orders to submit plan, possible permit revocation, and reclamation warranty forfeiture. As noted Gold Eagle has until December 10, 2012 to correct the amendment application adequacy issues for all permits noted or face enforcement action.

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Please direct all submittals for the Hawkeye, Ellison, and Burros Mines to the Durango Field Office, Attention: Bob Oswald, 691 County Road 233, Suite A-2, Durango, Colorado 81301. Mr. Oswald is the Division specialist who has oversight over these Gold Eagle Permits. He can be reached by phone at 970.247.5193. Please submit JD-5 Mine information to the Grand Junction Field Office, Attention: Russ Means at the address noted below.

The Division will respond to Gold Eagle's submittal regarding Temporary Cessation by separate cover.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

G. Russell Means Acting Senior Environmental Protection Specialist West Slope Field Office Supervisor

Cc: Loretta Pineda, Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Director Tony Waldron, Minerals Program Supervisor Bob Oswald, Minerals Durango Field Office Ed Cotter, Department of Energy / Stoller