

September 25, 2020

Commonwealth Resources, LLC
c/o Michael D. Brown
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Re: COVID-19 Extension for Reclamation Requirements for Exploration Licenses #00545 and #00775

Mr. Brown,

Commonwealth Resources, LLC (Commonwealth) holds the following two exploration licenses (licenses): #00545 and #00775. DEQ notified Commonwealth on September 26, 2018, via a preliminary 5-year bond review letter, that Commonwealth had 2 years to complete reclamation of disturbances caused under the licenses. In the same letter, and following additional correspondence from DEQ, DEQ identified the features requiring timely reclamation. DEQ's letter also identified the features that would be exempted from the requirement of reclamation. In general, the buildings and some roads have been exempted from the requirement of reclamation, while the underground adit, open pit, and several waste rock piles require reclamation. Final reclamation was due on or before September 26, 2020.

On August 24, 2020, Commonwealth submitted to DEQ a request for a 1-year extension of the requirement of reclamation. The Commonwealth request referenced the COVID-19 pandemic complications faced by the mining/reclamation sub-contractor, Garnex Corporation, as the reason for the extension request.

DEQ has reviewed the extension request and has found the request to be reasonable under the current conditions. On March 31, 2020, DEQ published a memo explaining its stance on compliance and enforcement discretion during the COVID-19 pandemic http://deq.mt.gov/Portals/112/Updates/DIR-080_DiscretionGuidance.pdf. DEQ approves the 1-year extension request. Final reclamation of all previously identified features associated with the licenses must be completed by September 26, 2021. Failure to complete the reclamation by this date will constitute a violation of the Metal Mine Reclamation Act and may result in formal enforcement.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this extension approval.

Sincerely,



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