

September 16, 2020

GCC Three Forks, LLC
Attn: Greg Gannon, Environmental Manger
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Sent via e-mail to: <mailto:ggannon@gcc.com>

RE: 2020 3-Year Bedrock Groundwater Water Monitoring for Bedrock Wells 5A and 7
--In Response to COVID-19 – Hard Rock Mining **Operating Permit #00004**

Dear Mr. Gannon:

On July 22, 2020, the Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Bureau (DEQ), received a request from GCC Trident (GCC) to delay monitoring for the 2020 3-Year Bedrock Groundwater Water Monitoring of bedrock wells 5A and 7. In the request, GCC cited its desire to minimize third party contractors on site due to COVID-19 concerns as the reason for the request for postponement of the sampling. Due to the depth of bedrock wells 5A and 7, GCC requires the services of a third-party contractor for the sampling.

GCC proposed to conduct the monitoring of bedrock wells 5A and 7 in 2021. DEQ staff have reviewed the request and approve GCC's proposed course of action regarding the Bedrock Ground Water Monitoring of bedrock wells 5A and 7. Please keep DEQ staff updated on the status of the sampling for bedrock wells 5A and 7.

Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



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