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Dear Mr. Ore:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Westmoreland Beulah Mining (WBM) LLC's Remediation Plan submitted in response to the Notice of Violation, NOV-2301, issued December 11, 2023. The remediation plan is approved but additional measures must be taken to prevent future surface water erosion in the drainage way and to prevent head cutting at the edge of the grade approval area after SPGM is respread. The Reclamation Division recommends lining the drainageway with erosion control fabric after it has been respread with topsoil and seeded. If the drainage way is respread this winter, the drainage will need to be protected from snowmelt events that exceed the capacity of the 4 inch pipe.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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