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Nettie Ore
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Dear Ms. Ore:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed grade approval request Gold-01-2022 (Schmidt et al.) initially submitted on December 7, 2022, which was revised numerous times, with the final revision submitted on June 13, 2023 for approximately 7.6 acres located in Section 22, T143N, R88W in Permit KRSB-8603. The post mine land uses of cropland and native grassland correspond with Exhibit 2.7.1 (Post-Mining Land Uses) in the approved permit, dated June 2021. Grade approval is granted for the area based on a review of the submitted materials and a field inspection by PSC personnel.

The proposed topsoil respread thickness of 14 inches for the entire area is approved. The total SPGM respread thickness of 49 inches for the entire area is also approved. Upon completion of SPGM respread in the approved areas, the areas must be stabilized to prevent erosion as required by NDAC 69-05.2-15-04(5) and NDAC 69-05.2-22-05.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Emmer".

Jonathan Emmer
Assistant Director
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