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Reply to Attn of: OWW-191

Philip Bandy
Idaho CuMo Mining Corporation
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Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629

Re: Additional Monitoring Requirements for CuMo Exploration Project under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit, Permit Reference No. IDR053236

Dear Mr. Bandy,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of watershed specific monitoring requirements that must be implemented at your facility to maintain permit coverage under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2015 Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (MSGP). Based on the information provided in your Notice of Intent (NOI), storm water from the CuMo Exploration Project East of Forest Service Road 382 and 5 miles north of Placerville, Idaho (Facility) discharges into the Grimes Creek and Boise-Mores Creek. Grimes Creek is part of the South Fork of the Payette River watershed. The State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has established Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDLs) for sediment and temperature for Grimes and Boise-Mores Creeks.

Basis for EPA to Add Additional Requirements

Part 2.2.2.1 of the MSGP, Existing Discharge to an Impaired Water with an EPA Approved or Established TMDL, states, "If you discharge to an impaired water with an EPA-approved or established TMDL, EPA will inform you whether any additional measures are necessary for your discharge to be consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the applicable TMDL and its wasteload allocation, or if coverage under an individual permit is necessary per Part 1.2.3." See also Part 6.2.5 of the MSGP (allowing EPA to notify a facility of additional monitoring requirements).

Specific Requirements

Pursuant to Part 2.2.2.1 and 6.2.5 of the MSGP, the Facility is required to conduct storm water monitoring for TSS and temperature following the standard benchmark monitoring procedures outlined in the MSGP at Section 6.2.1.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret McCauley of my staff at (206) 553-1772 or mccaulley.margaret@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permit Unit

cc: Lance Holloway, IDEQ Boise Regional Office