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Subject: Rilda Canyon Fill Material

Dennis and Chuck,

In the Rilda Canyon amendment, you classify the material that will come from the rock tunnels as excess spoil. During the Board hearings for the Lila Canyon expansion at the Horse Canyon Mine, the material from the proposed rock tunnels was classified as underground development waste and had to be disposed of in a refuse pile. The Board did agree that structures could be built on the refuse pile. The main requirements were that refuse pile standards apply during mine and reclamation.

The classification will require some modification to the mining and reclamation plan. This is not a deal killer for using the material as fill or constructing structures on top of the fill. The Division will be glad to help you with any questions about how the material should be handled.

Wayne

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CC: James Smith; Pam Grubaugh-Littig