

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 28, 2014

Mr. Neil Thomson E-470 Public Highway Authority 22470 E. 6th Parkway Aurora, CO 80018

#### Re: Henderson Development (Sandy Acres Pit), DRMS Permit No. M-1980-110 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application AM-06 **Preliminary Adequacy Review**

Dear Mr. Thomson:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS), has completed a preliminary review of the AM-06, and has the following comments.

### 6.4.5 EXHIBIT E - Reclamation Plan

- 1) Please provide the following to satisfy the requirements of Rule 3.1.5(9):
  - a. A signed affidavit certifying that the backfill material is clean and inert, please see the attached example.
  - b. An explanation of how the backfilled site will result in a post-mining configuration that is compatible with the approved post-mining land use; and
  - c. A general engineering plan stating how the material will be placed and stabilized in a manner to avoid unacceptable settling and voids.

# 6.4.8 EXHIBIT H - Wildlife Information

2) Please provide any and all correspondences that the Operator has had with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) regarding the permitted mine site.



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- 3) Please provide the presence and estimated population of threatened or endangered species from either federal or state lists, if there are no threatened or endangered species please specify in the text that are no threatened or endangered species ; and
  - a. Please provide a description of the general effect during and after the proposed operation on the existing wildlife of the area, including but not limited to temporary and permanent loss of food and habitat, interference with migratory routes, and the general effect on the wildlife from increased human activity, including noise.

### 6.4.14 EXHIBIT N - Source of Legal Right to Enter

4) Provide a description of the basis for legal right of entry to the site and to conduct mining and reclamation, for Owners of Record described in Rule1.6.2 (1)(e)(i). This may be a copy of access lease, deed, abstract of title, or a current tax receipt. A signed statement by the Landowner and acknowledged by a Notary Public stating that the Operator/Applicant has legal right to enter and mine is also acceptable.

### 6.4.19 EXHIBIT S - Permanent Man-made Structures

- 5) Where the mining operation will adversely affect the stability of any significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure located within two hundred (200) feet of the affected land, the applicant may either:
  - a. Please provide a notarized agreement between the applicant and the person(s) having an interest in the structure, that the applicant is to provide compensation for any damage to the structure; or
    - i. Where such an agreement cannot be reached, the applicant shall provide an appropriate engineering evaluation that demonstrates that such structure shall not be damaged by activities occurring at the mining operation; or
    - ii. Where such structure is a utility, the Applicant may supply a notarized letter, on utility letterhead, from the owner(s) of the utility that the mining and reclamation activities, as proposed, will have "no negative effect" on their utility.

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### **General Comments and questions**

- 6) It is the Division's understanding that the amended permit boundary will border the permit boundary of the Brannan Sand and Gravel Company, L.L.C.'s pit (DRMS Permit No. M-1980-183).
- 7) Please address the attached comments from the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- 8) Please address the attached comments from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 9) Please address the attached comments from the Colorado Division of Water Resources.

The current decision deadline for AM-01 is July 14, 2014. Please provide responses to the above comments soon enough for the Division to review the responses and complete a follow-up exchange of comments and responses prior to the decision deadline. If you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to the decision deadline, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of AM-01. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, AM-01 will be denied.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303-866-3567, extension 8131, or by email at tyler.odonnell@state.co.us.

Sincerely, Cyler O'Dormell

Tyler O'Donnell Environmental Protection Specialist

- Enclosures: Letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer Letter from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Letter from the Colorado Division of Water Resources Example of an affidavit of Inert fills
- CC: Tom Kaldenbach, DRMS



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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY

April 18, 2014

Tyler V. O'Donnell Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Response

Re: Notice of 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Consideration E-470 Public Highway Authority Henderson Development, Permit No. M-1980-110 (SHPO Project #65813)

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 14, 2014 (received by our office on April 16, 2014) regarding the subject project.

A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database indicated one previously recorded sites within the project area:

Site No.:	Name	National Register Eligibility:	Recording or Assessment Year:
5AM1237	Gummersall Houses	Officially Not Eligible	1998 (Assessment)

In addition three previous surveys with report numbers: MC.CH.R3 (1988), AM.CH.R4 (1998) and MC.CH.R157 (1998) covered most of the permit area.

Our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area.

# Should human remains be discovered during mining activities, the requirements under State law C.R.S. 24-80 (part 13) apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Todd McMahon, Staff Archaeologist at (303) 866-4607/todd.mcmahon@state.co.us or Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director at (303) 866-2673/ dan.corson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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Edward C. Nichols State Historic Preservation Officer ECN/TCM



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT DENVER REGULATORY OFFICE, 9307 SOUTH WADSWORTH BOULEVARD LITTLETON, COLORADO 80128-6901

April 17, 2014

Mr. Tyler O'Donnell Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

### RE: E-470 Public Highway Authority, Henderson Development, Permit No. M-1980-11

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Reference is made to the above mentioned project located at or near Section 35, T1S, R67W, Adams County, Colorado.

If any work requires the discharge of dredged or fill material, and any excavation associated with a dredged or fill project, either temporary or permanent in an aquatic site, which may include ephemeral and perennial streams, wetlands, lakes, ponds, drainage ditches and irrigation ditches, this office should be notified by a proponent of the project for Department of the Army permits, changes in permit requirements or jurisdictional determinations pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Work in an aquatic site should be identified by the proponent of the project and be shown on a map identifying the Quarter Section, Township, Range and County, Latitude and Longitude in Decimal Degrees (example 39.55555; -104.55555) and the dimensions of work in each aquatic site. Any loss of an aquatic site may require mitigation. Mitigation requirements will be determined during the Department of the Army permitting review.

If there are any questions call Mr. Terry McKee of my office at 720-922-3851.

Sincerely,

Kiel Downing Chief, Denver Regulatory Office





# DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director Dick Wolfe, P.E.

Dick Wolfe, P.E. Director/State Engineer

# Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

DATE: May 7, 2014

RE:

- TO: Tyler V. O'Donnell, Environmental Protection Specialist
- CC: Division 1 Office, District 2 Water Commissioner
- FROM: Ioana Comaniciu, P.E.

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Sandy Acres Pit, Permit No. M-1980-110 Operator: E-470 Public Highway Authority Contact: Neil Thomson – 303-537-3712

Section 26, Twp 1 South, Rng 67 West, 6th P.M., Adams County

# CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

The purpose of this amendment is to expand the permit boundary and to change the postmining land use from a ground water pond to pasture land. The operator proposes to run a box culvert underneath a portion of E-470. The box culvert will contain a conveyor belt allowing the operator of the adjoining gravel pit (Pit 29 M1980-183) to transport wash fines underneath E-470 into the ground water pond located within the Sandy Acres Pit. Thus the operator will use the wash fines to backfill the Sandy Acres Pit.

The proposed backfilling of the site will continue to consume ground water through evaporation until such time as the entire site has been backfilled. Note that Section 37-90-137 (11), C.R.S., requires that any gravel pit that exposed ground water to the atmosphere after December 31, 1981 to replace all out of priority depletions of water to the local stream, including evaporation. Therefore, until such time as the site has been completely backfilled the operator will need to obtain a well permit for the site. However a well permit will not be issued until a substitute water supply plan is approved by the State Engineer. In addition, after reclamation replacements of lagged depletions shall continue until there is no longer an effect on stream flow.

The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.



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December 9, 2009

David Bird Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

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DEC 10 2009 Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Re: M-1990-031 York Street Pit, Notice of Intent to Fill With Imported Material

Dear Mr. Bird,

Denver Water is completing the reclamation of the York Street Pit, M-1990-031, as a water storage facility. In order to complete the reclamation activities included in our approved plan, we need to import fill and various construction materials. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.5 (9) of the Construction Materials Rules and Regulations, we are providing the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) with notification of our intent to use imported fill. In accordance with the Rules, the required information is presented for your review.

(a) Narrative that describes the approximate location of the proposed activity:

The reclamation activities requiring fill are located on the west side of the former pit. They are the re-grading and surface water management activities listed in our Plan. Surface water management is a significant issue due to the hill west of the reservoir. In order to control runoff entering the property, we need to improve the carrying capacity of the Gardeners Ditch (owned by Denver Water), as well as install drainage structures such as catch basins, culvert pipe and manholes. Fill is needed to backfill these drainage structures and for existing wash-out locations. Fill will also be used to raise low areas in order to drain properly. Riprap and bedding material will be imported and placed to control erosion control at culvert outlets and designed overflow areas.



(b) The approximate volume of inert material to be placed.

Name	Use	Quantity	Source
Common (Clean) Fill	Filling in low areas for proper drainage, reinforcing banks of Gardeners Ditch	2,000 cy	Drainage project at Valmont and 28 <sup>th</sup> Street in Boulder, Colorado
Structural Fill	Raising an 800 foot portion of the access road that was left too low by the miner	1,000 ton	Aggregate Industries, Morrison, Colorado
Recycled Concrete Base Course	Surfacing of the entrance road and road around reservoir	3,500 ton	Allied Recycled Aggregates, Commerce City, Colorado
No. 67 Bedding	Bedding around concrete drainage pipe and below manhole structures	180 ton	Aggregate Industries, Morrison, Colorado
Riprap	Overflow structures along Gardeners Ditch, erosion protection at culverts	1,200 ton	Aggregate Industries, Morrison, Colorado
Riprap bedding	Placed below riprap for stabilization	190 ton	Aggregate Industries, Morrison, Colorado

(c) A signed affidavit certifying that the material is clean and inert as defined in Rule 1.1.(20)

See Attached.

(d) The approximate dates the proposed activity will commence and end

The proposed fill activity will start as soon as approval is received from DRMS. All fill activity is expected to be completed by April 30, 2010.

(e) Explanation of how the backfilled site will result in a post-mining configuration that is compatible with the approved post-mining land use

The approved post-mining land use is a water storage reservoir. The reservoir site is at the base of a hill and as a result it collects runoff. Since urban runoff carries sediment and other pollutants that affect water quality, such runoff should be rerouted around the reservoir to the extent practical. To do this, fill is needed to raise the existing low areas to drain correctly. Since the pit area has already been converted to water storage, no further fill materials can be excavated and imported fill must be used. Fill is also needed to backfill and stabilize areas prone to erosion and to flatten the ditch banks to allow for mowing. Finally, fill in the form of road base will be added to provide a reliable driving surface for operations and maintenance activities at the reservoir site.

(f) A general engineering plan stating how the material will be placed and stabilized in a manner to avoid unacceptable settling and voids.

Fill will be placed in lifts and compacted. In general, the depth and shape of the fill areas precludes mass dumping of the fill which causes voids and leads to settlement. The grade raises in most of the low lying drainage areas require small lift thicknesses and will be compacted by construction traffic. Tightest control will be made in road areas. Structural fill will be placed in low areas of the access roads that need to be raised. The road fill will be placed in lifts and compacted to 95% of the maximum dry density according to ASTM D 698 (Standard Proctor Test). Denver Water will provide testing and quality control. Road base will also be placed in lifts, compacted and tested for compliance with the written project specifications.

If you have any further questions with respect to this Notice, please give me a call at 303-628-6605 or email me at jessica.barbier@denverwater.org.

Sincerely,

Jessica Barbier, PE Project Engineer

cc: Walker E&C file PT 14846

enclosure

# AFFIDAVIT REGARDING USE OF INERT FILL

STATE OF COLORADO

) ss.

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

John H. Bambei, Jr., Chief of Engineering for the Denver Water Department, Permittee, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

This Affidavit is provided in accordance with Rule 3.1.5(a) of the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

The York Street Mine, M-1990-031, is in the process of final improvements for long term use for water storage purposes. Current reclamation activities require importation of fill material necessary to construct a storm water diversion facility to carry storm water away from the reservoir along the reservoir's west side and for the reservoir access road.

The material which is being imported to the site is more fully described in the attached letter from Jessica Barbier, Project Engineer, dated December 9, 2009. The materials which are to be imported meet the definition of "Inert Material" as set forth in Rule 1.1(20) of the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board promulgated October 1995, as amended.

H. Bambei, **√**r. Chief of Engineering Denver Water 1600 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Denver Colorado 80204

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>Off</u> day of <u>DECEMBER</u> 2009, by John H. Bambei, Jr., Chief of Engineering, for the Denver Water Department.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Witness my name My commission expires: 2/13/2010 <u>Judy A. Whalen</u> Notary Public

