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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

August 8, 2014

Patrick Sullivan  
Road & Bridge Supervisor  
Rio Grande County  
168 N. Washington  
Monte Vista, CO 81144

Re: Seven Mile Plaza Pit, Permit M-1978-065, Request for Technical Revision (TR-02), Division  
Comments, and Revision Approval

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

The Division has received your request for a technical revision for the Seven Mile Plaza Pit, which addresses the need for approval to import and stockpile various materials generated offsite. The revision application included the proper fee, and the revision submittal was considered complete on August 6, 2014. (An identical technical revision was submitted for three other pits, to be discussed separately.)

The issue of importing offsite-generated materials has been noted at several of the county's permitted pits, and the matter how to best address it has been discussed with you. Please allow me to reiterate a few key points from our discussions and from the technical revision request, in the paragraphs below.

The imported materials consist of various earthen materials and woody debris, usually generated from road and bridge construction, repair or clean-up projects. Your revision application stated that these materials are utilized for other construction or repair projects, or for the reclamation of the pits. Since the county presently has, and will continue to have, the need to import and stockpile such materials in its pits for these uses, it is appropriate that this ongoing activity is approved for the permit through a technical revision.

This is an activity which often requires an operator to submit a Notice to the Division, prior to engaging in that activity, containing the types of information described in Construction Materials Rule 3.1.5(9). This revision will allow the county to engage in the import of materials, as the need arises over time, without notifying the Division first. However, please note that the approved materials for import are limited to the general types listed in your revision request, and limited to the purposes listed therein. The county must not allow the pit to become a landfill, or otherwise receive contaminants or hazardous materials, or commercial or domestic trash.

As other types of activities carried out at the pits are included in the operator's annual reports, the county should also include description of the import of materials in the annual reports and annual report maps.

Within these parameters, the Division has approved the technical revision TR-02, to allow this activity at this permitted gravel pit.



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As you recall, the Division cited a Problem in its last inspection (5/29/14), for the lack of providing a Notice to the Division, and/or the lack of a technical revision of the permit allowing this activity. Submittal of this request for technical revision has satisfied the corrective action. As of the date of this letter, the Problem has been abated.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I may be reached by phone at 970-247-5193, or by email at: [bob.oswald@state.co.us](mailto:bob.oswald@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Oswald". The signature is stylized with a cursive script.

Bob Oswald  
Environmental Protection Specialist

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