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Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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August 27, 2014

Western Slope Aggregates, Inc.
Sean Mello
P.O. Box 1319
Carbondale, CO 81623

RE: Blue Pit, Permit No. M- 1981-207, Comments Regarding 112c-1 Amendment Application (AM1)

Dear Mr. Mello,

On August 26, 2014 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received comments regarding the above referenced application from the Colorado Park and Wildlife Area Wildlife Manager (CPW).

Please inform the Division of how the Applicant will respond to the jurisdictional issues presented by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

If you require additional information, have questions or concerns, please contact me at the DRMS Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mitchell

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Enc. CPW comments dated August 25, 2014





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Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

TO: Stephanie J. Mitchell, Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Division 5 Office; District 38 Water Commissioner
FROM: Ivan Franco, Water Resources Engineer *HIF*
DATE: August 8, 2014
RE: Blue Pit, File No. M-1981-207
Section 25, Twp 7 South, Rng 88 West, 6th P.M., Garfield County
Operator: Western Slope Aggregates, Inc.
Contact: Western Slope Aggregates, Inc.
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CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- ☒ The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of ground water must not occur during or after mining operations.
- ☐ The proposed operation will consume ground water by: ☐ evaporation, ☐ dust control, ☐ reclamation, ☐ water removed in the mined product, ☐ processing, ☐ other: _____.
Prior to initiation of these uses of ground water, the applicant will need to obtain either a gravel pit or other type of well permit, as applicable. However, prior to obtaining a permit, an approved water supply plan or decreed plan for augmentation is required in overappropriated areas.
- ☐ Prior to approving a well permit, the applicant must conduct a field inspection of the site and document the locations of all wells within 600 feet of the permit area. The applicant must then obtain a waiver of objection from all well owners with wells within 600 feet of the permit area or request a hearing before the State Engineer.
- ☐ The proposed operation may have potential impact on existing water rights near the project location. Please provide evidence that the proposed project will not alter or impact the historic operation of existing water rights.
- ☒ The applicant has indicated plans to use other water for: ☒ uses at the permit site, ☐ storage in the excavated area(s), ☐ other: _____. The applicant is proposing to use water in accordance with Case No. 87CW0365 and associated well permits.
- ☒ Other: If storm water is not diverted or captured in priority, Colorado Water Law requires it to be released, or replacement for evaporation will be required of the impounder/operator/owner of the gravel pit. Any exposed ground water must be backfilled immediately until a well permit issued pursuant to CRS 37-90-137(2), allowing the exposure of ground water in a pit, is obtained from the State Engineer.



Blue Pit M-1981-207
Western States Aggregates

COMMENTS/NOTES: Any exposed ground water must be backfilled immediately until a well permit issued pursuant to CRS 37-90-137(2), allowing the exposure of ground water in a pit, is obtained from the State Engineer. So long as the application obtains all water from a source that legally available for their uses, this office has no objection to this application.

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