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Meeker, Colorado 81641



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GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE
DIVISION OF
RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

Natural Soda Inc.
Attention: Kirk Daehling
3200 County Rd. 31
Rifle, Colorado 81650

Dear Mr. Daehling:

During the August 28, 2014 site visit by The White River Field Office's mining engineer, Paul Daggett, it was noted the pipelines from the newly completed water wells WSW3 and WSW4 were constructed outside of the approved pipeline route (see attached map). These water wells, associated pipeline, and pipeline routes were approved by our office on June 23, 2014 as a modification to the approved "Natural Soda 2010 Mine Plan and Environmental Monitoring Plan".


According to 43 CFR 3592.1 (a) "...No operations shall be conducted except as provided in an approved plan." and according to 43 CFR 3598.4 (a) the authorized officer shall serve a notice of noncompliance to the operator for failure to comply with any of the established requirements.

Natural Soda Inc. (NSI) is being issued a notice of noncompliance for failure to comply with the approved mine plan. Corrective action required is the reclamation of the pipeline disturbance area to be completed within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. This includes seeding with the approved mine plan seed mix and insuring the prevention of the disturbed area as being utilized as an access route. When completed notify Paul Daggett, the WRFO Mining Engineer at (970) 878-3819 for a follow up inspection. At the time of the follow up inspection submit the tags from the bags of the seed used mix and a detailed report of the reclamation procedure. Also within 10 days upon receipt of this letter submit to this office NSI's written procedure of how NSI intends to prevent future noncompliance.

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a Notice of Appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 with copies sent to the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, 755 Parfet St., Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215, and to the Department of the Interior, Board of Land Appeals, 801 North Quincy St., MS300-QC, Arlington, VA, 22203. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals at the above address within 30 days after the Notice of Appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

If there any questions, please contact Paul Daggett Mining Engineer.

Sincerely,


for Kent Walter
Field Manager

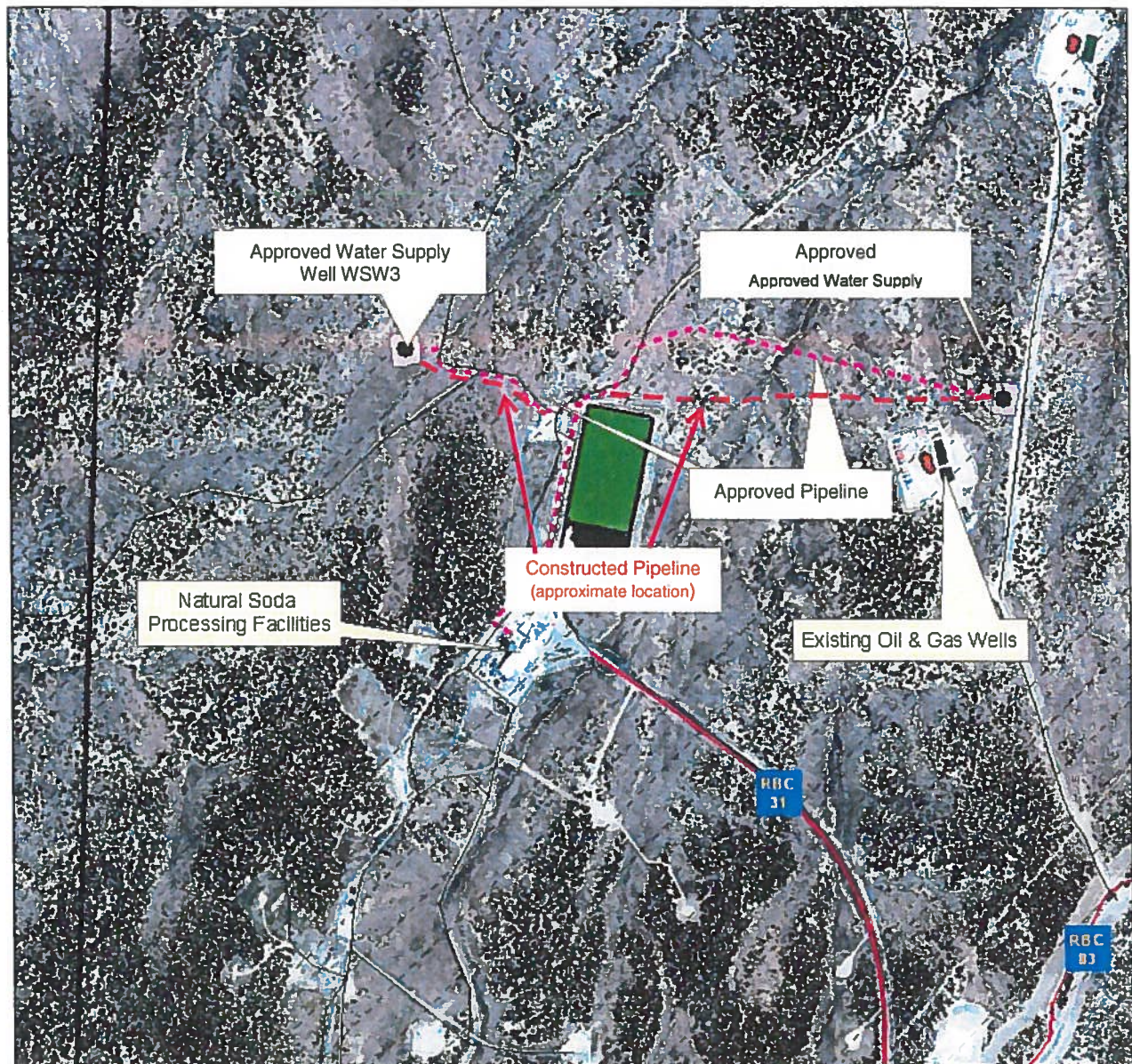
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Natural Soda Two New Water Wells WSW-3 and WSW-4 and Pipeline



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0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

- Proposed Water Wells
- County Roads
- BLM Roads

Source:
BLM, USGS, CDOW, etc.

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