

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

November 26, 2014

Leonard Read Eastern Colorado Aggregates, LLLP P.O. Box 580 Rye, CO 81069

## Re: Midwestern Farms, Permit No. M-1993-059, Technical Revision (TR-03) 60-Day Extension Request Approved

Mr. Read,

On November 26, 2014 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your request to extend the decision date by 60 days for the Technical Revision (TR-03) for Midwestern Farms. The new decision date is set for <u>January 30, 2015</u>. Please submit all requested materials for the revision at least one week prior to the decision date to allow the Division sufficient time to review your submittal.

Please keep in mind that this revision is required due to problems observed during the inspection conducted on April 04, 2014. To get this site into compliance, the Division is requiring that the revision include, at a minimum, the addition of the post-mining land use of recreation and/or wildlife habitat for the pond area and an increase in the maximum allowed disturbed acreage from 141.8 acres to a minimum of 387 acres (the Division's estimate of current disturbed acreage at this site, including ponds). In addition to these required changes, the Operator also submitted with the revision minor changes to the reclamation plan for the pond area (including changes in the seed mixture and grading of the pond banks). These changes require updating the mining plan map (to reflect the increase in disturbed area within the permit area) and reclamation plan map (to show final location and features of the pond to remain). However, please be aware that any significant changes to the approved mining plan or reclamation plan will be beyond the scope of this revision and will require the submittal of a permit Amendment (after this revision has been approved).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, call me at (303) 866-3567, extension 8129, or email me at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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