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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

January 9, 2015

Regulatory Division SPK-2015-00014

Mr. Don Valentine
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GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE
DIVISION OF
RECLAMATION, MINING & SAFETY

Dear Mr. Valentine:

We are responding to your January 2, 2015, request for comments on the WRC Wet Pit permit application consideration. The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety project identification number is M-2014-063. The project is located south of the White River at White River City within the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 97 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Latitude 40.0894°, Longitude -108.2242°, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction within the study area is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, and seeps. Project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

To ascertain the extent of waters on the project site, the applicant should prepare a wetland delineation, in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Preliminary Wetlands Delineations" and "Final Map and Drawing Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program" under "Jurisdiction" on our website at the address below, and submit it to this office for verification. A list of consultants that prepare wetland delineations and permit application documents is also available on our website at the same location.

The range of alternatives considered for this project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from project implementation.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2015-00014 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at *Susan.Nall@usace.army.mil*, or telephone at 970-243-1199, extension 16. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at *www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx*.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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Chief, Colorado West Branch
Regulatory Division

cc:

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