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Department of Natural Resources

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April 7, 2015

Mr. Bob Warneke
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**Re: Nahcolite Project, Permit M-1983-194 Notice of Receipt, Technical Revision TR-36,
Completeness Notification and Request for Reclamation Cost Estimate.**

Mr. Warneke:

On March 30, 2015, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received your Technical Revision application TR-36 and the required fee for the Nahcolite Project Permit M-1983-194, which is located in Rio Blanco County. The revision requested addresses the following items:

Technical Revision proposes to increase Sodium Bicarbonate production to 500,000 tons per year. Plant expansion of 90,000 square feet is proposed. Construction of a new process building (approx. 150 x 115 feet), a new packaging and warehouse building (approx. 265 x 225 feet) and a new dry handling, screening and storage building (approx. 190 x 80 feet). A paved parking lot will be constructed (approx. 133 x 182 feet) south of the existing plant. A total proposed increased disturbance of 19 acres for the manufacturing facilities (8 acres), treatment pond (7 acres) and topsoil stockpiles (4 acres).

As of today April 7, 2015 the Technical Revision is considered complete and is currently being reviewed for technical adequacy. The decision date has been set for May 7, 2015.

Please provide a reclamation cost estimate for the proposed structures and increased disturbance complete with approximate volumes of the buildings and what type of foundations and building materials that are proposed for the structures. Also please provide an estimate for the amount of cubic yards of overburden and topsoil required to be replaced to reclaim the proposed evaporation pond. Please provide an estimate of the proposed asphalt thickness of the paved parking lot.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.2042.

Sincerely,

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