

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

May 18, 2015

Joe H. Thomeczek Bent County Ready Mix P.O. Box 387 Las Animas, CO 81054

## Re: Thomeczek Pit, Permit No. M-1995-007, Documentation of Corrective Action(s) Received

Mr. Thomeczek:

On May 18, 2015, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your response regarding the conditional approval of the Corrective Action extension (milestone agreement) approved on January 16, 2015. The status of the Corrective Action extension is as follows:

## <u>Corrective Action required by April 30, 2015:</u> The Operator shall begin removing state-listed noxious weeds (particularly Tamarisk and Russian Olive trees) from areas of the site that were disturbed by the operation.

<u>Status:</u> The Operator submitted photographs (via email) showing that Tamarisk and Russian Olive trees have been removed from portions of the site. The Operator estimates that approximately 85% of these state-listed noxious weeds have been removed from disturbed areas. <u>Therefore, the Division will consider the Corrective Action deadline for April to have been met.</u>

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303-866-3567, extension 8129, or by email at <u>amy.eschberger@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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Amy Eschberger Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Bruce Humphries (via email) Regulatory Permits Management, Inc. 435 Kendall Ct., Unit 212 Castle Pines, CO 80108

Bill Long, Bent County Commissioner (via email)

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