

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 13, 2015

Mr. Bob Warneke Natural Soda, Inc. 3200 RBC Road 31 Rifle, CO 81650

Re: Nahcolite Project, Permit M-1983-194 Notice of Receipt, Technical Revision TR-37, Completeness Notification and Request for Reclamation Cost Estimate.

Mr. Warneke:

On May 8, 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:

Install two nahcolite production well pairs (15H and 17H)

As of today May 13, 2015 the Technical Revision is considered complete and is currently being reviewed for technical adequacy. The decision date has been set for June 12, 2015.

Please provide a reclamation cost estimate for the plugging and abandonment of the proposed well pairs and increased disturbance complete with an estimate for the amount of cubic yards of overburden and topsoil required to be replaced to reclaim the proposed well pads. The technical revision cannot be approved until this information has been received.

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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Environmental Protection Specialist

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