

July 17, 2015

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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: South D-20 Pit, Permit No. M-1992-102, Unresolved Problem(s) Noted in a Past Inspection Report

Mr. Supples:

During an inspection conducted by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), on April 6, 2015, it was noted that two fuel tanks located in the southwestern portion of the Phase 1 area were not kept in adequate secondary containment. On June 22, 2015 the Division received a photograph of one of the tanks placed in a secondary containment that appears to be constructed of an un-lined earthen berm. Please note that this is not considered adequate secondary containment. Adequate secondary containment shall consist of an impermeable containment which could contain all contents of the tanks (when full) with an additional 10% freeboard. Several methods of secondary containment for fuel tanks that are commonly used are placement in an earthen berm structure that is lined with an impermeable pond liner or placement in a stock tank. There are other suitable methods, but the tanks must be stored in an impermeable containment with a holding capacity of at least 110% of the fuel tank capacity, in order to insure that potential spills or leaking from the tanks does not infiltrate into the underlying soil and surface or ground water systems.

To avoid potential future enforcement actions for non-compliance you must submit photographs of each of the two fuel tanks in adequate secondary containment by ***Friday, July 31, 2015.***

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

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