

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

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

July 31, 2015

Gary D. Hill Las Animas County 200 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 110 Trinidad, CO 81082

## Re: Branson Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1997-100, Amendment Approval, Revision No. AM-01

Dear Mr. Hill:

On July 31, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) approved your amendment application submitted to the Division on April 13, 2015, addressing the following:

Add 24.41 acres to existing permit area for a total permit area of 39.9 acres.

This amendment also changes the maximum allowed disturbed acreage from 10 acres to 39.9 acres.

The terms of the Amendment No. 1 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1997-100. All other conditions and requirements of Permit No. M-1997-100 remain in full force and effect.

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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