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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, Colorado 80203

September 02, 2015

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2000 N. Linden Ave.
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Re: Yocam Pit; Permit No. M-1999-060; 110(c) to 112(c) Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Conversion Application (CN-01); Preliminary Adequacy Review

Mr. Dorenkamp:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has completed its preliminary adequacy review of your 110 to 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Conversion Application (CN-01) for the Yocam Pit, Permit No. M-1999-060. The application was called complete for review on September 01, 2015. All comment and review periods began on September 01, 2015. The decision date for this application is **November 30, 2015**.

The review consisted of comparing the application content with specific requirements of Rule 6.1, 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5 of the Minerals Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials. In general the application was substantially adequate; however, as with most applications there are some items that will require clarification of the existing information. Any inadequacies are identified under the respective exhibit heading:

APPLICATION FEE: Adequate as submitted

APPLICATION FORM:

On Page 1, under Operation Name, you submitted "Yocam Gravel Pit". Currently, the site name is Yocam Pit. Do you wish to change the site name to Yocam Gravel Pit?

EXHIBIT A - Legal Description (Rule 6.4.1): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT B - Index Map (Rule 6.4.2):

The index map submitted does not adequately show the regional location of the affected land. Please submit a map that is scaled out enough to show the regional area (i.e., showing the site's location in relation to the nearest town, Kim).

EXHIBIT C - Pre-mining and Mining Plan Map(s) of Affected Lands (Rule 6.4.3):

Please indicate on the map submitted the anticipated direction of mining, location(s) where salvaged topsoil will be stored, and location(s) of any surface water diversion or impoundment structures that are/will be constructed for this operation (e.g., the berms to "capture" storm water that you mention in Exhibit G).



EXHIBIT D - Mining Plan (Rule 6.4.4):

In the text submitted, you state "This is an amendment to existing pit M-1997-100", which is not correct. Please either remove this statement entirely or correct it to read "This is a conversion of existing permit M-1999-060".

In the text submitted for (d), you state that the size of area to be worked at any one time will be approximately 10 acres. Please keep in mind that the maximum allowed disturbed acreage should include all land disturbed by the operation, including areas of active mining, processing, and stockpiling, and areas that have not been fully reclaimed. If you anticipate that more than 10 acres might be disturbed at any time, please submit the modified value here.

According to the text you submitted for (f), the maximum mining depth will be approximately 15-16 feet. If this is incorrect, please submit the modified value here.

EXHIBIT E - Reclamation Plan (Rule 6.4.5): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT F - Reclamation Plan Map (Rule 6.4.6): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT G - Water Information (Rule 6.4.7): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT H - Wildlife Information (Rule 6.4.8): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT I - Soils Information (Rule 6.4.9): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT J - Vegetation Information (Rule 6.4.10): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT K - Climate (Rule 6.4.11): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT L - Reclamation Costs (Rule 6.4.12): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT M - Other Permits and Licenses (Rule 6.4.13): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT N - Source of Legal Right to Enter (Rule 6.4.14): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT O - Owner(s) of Record of Affected Land (Surface Area) and Owners of Substance to be Mined (Rule 6.4.15): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT P - Municipalities Within Two Miles (Rule 6.4.16): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT Q - Proof of Mailing of Notices to County Commissioners and Soil Conservation District (Rule 6.4.17): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT R - Proof of Filing with County Clerk and Recorder (Rule 6.4.18): Adequate as submitted

EXHIBIT S - Permanent Man-Made Structures (Rule 6.4.19): Adequate as submitted



ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements - Affidavit of Posting Notice (Sign) (Rule 1.6.2(1)(b)):

Adequate as submitted

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

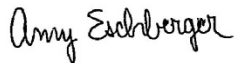
Prior to approval of this Amendment, you must provide the Division with proof of publication and proof of all required notices pursuant to Rule 1.6.2(1)(g).

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review of this application. Please remember that the decision date for this amendment application is November 30, 2015. **Please be advised that if you are unable to satisfactorily address any concerns identified in this review before the decision date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of the review period. If there are outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed prior to the end of the review period, and no extension has been requested, the Division will deny this application. In order to allow the Division adequate time to review your responses to any adequacy issues, please submit your adequacy responses to the Division no later than two weeks prior to the decision date.**

Please note that any changes or additions to the application on file in our office must also be reflected in the public review copy, which has been placed with the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, extension 8129, or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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