

October 1, 2015

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COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Smith Pit No. 20, Permit No. M-1978-085, Acreage Reduction (AR-1), Approval

Dear Mr. Mack:

On August 4, 2015 the Division inspected the above mentioned site as part of its routine monitoring program. Staff felt the 25.86 acres of reclaimed land to the north of CR 4 complied with the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations, and the approved Reclamation Plan. The operator was encouraged to submit an acreage release request and on September 8, 2015 the Division received the request form the operator.

On October 1, 2015, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ***approved*** your request for release of a portion of the permit area from further reclamation responsibility.

The permit was reduced from 69.10 acres to 43.24 acres.

Upon approval of this request the operator shall submit a Technical Revision to update maps to reflect the new permitted area. Technical Revision, with the required \$216 revision fee, shall be received by the Division no later than ***November 30, 2015***.

Please note that because the permit is not totally released, you are still liable for filing annual reports and fees.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,

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