

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

October 30, 2015

Ms. Linda Bracco Florence Sand & Gravel P.O. Box 172 Florence, CO 81226

Re: Florence Sand & Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1992-051; Technical Revision (TR-1) Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Ms. Bracco:

On October 26, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request for a Technical Revision (TR-01) addressing the following:

• Acreage Revision/Adjustment.

The submittal was called complete for the purpose of filing on October 26, 2015. The decision date for TR-6 is **November 25, 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 technical revision.

The Division requires some clarification and specific details related to the requested acreage revision/adjustment in order to evaluate your request for a change in the mine reclamation permit acreage. The inspection report mailed to you on September 15, 2015 requested a response to the Division's assessment that the area disturbed by mining associated with this permit was 37.7 acres, which is 2.7 acres more than the maximum allowed by the approved permit of 35 acres. The Division proposed three separate options (as shown in blue text below) that could be expected to address the additional acreage disturbance by submitting:

1. A Technical Revision, along with the required \$216 fee to increase the maximum allowed disturbed area; This option should be used if you agree with the Division's assessment that the mine-related disturbed area is greater than the currently allowed 35 acres and the Technical Revision request should include a revised number of



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acres proposed to be disturbed prior to completing final reclamation for at least some areas within the permit boundary. A map showing this area might be very helpful in describing the proposed area of maximum disturbance.

- 2. Documentation demonstrating the actual disturbed area is no more than the required 35 acres; This option should be used if you disagree with the Division's assessment that the mine-related disturbed area is greater than the currently allowed 35 acres. If this is the case, you will need to submit documentation, such as a survey map that shows the limits of the current disturbance. Please be aware there is no fee for this option and if you choose this option, the Division will refund your \$216 fee for the Technical Revision. or
- 3. Request an acreage reduction of at least 2.7 acres for an area that is reclaimed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and will not be used for any mining activity in the future. This option should be used if you agree with the Division's assessment that the mine-related disturbed area is greater than the currently allowed 35 acres, but you believe at least 2.7 acres of mine-related disturbance has been reclaimed in accordance with the approved permit <u>and</u> you plan no further disturbance in those areas <u>and</u> you wish to remove those areas from your permit area. A map showing the proposed area you intend to release from the permit area is required, and a follow-up inspection will be necessary to determine if this area has been reclaimed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. Please be aware there is no fee for this option and if you choose this option, the Division will refund your \$216 fee for the Technical Revision.

Please provide the Division with a written response to provide clarification as to how the mine intended to address the 37.7-acre problem cited in the aforementioned inspection report.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8169.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E. Environmental Protection Specialist

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