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Division of Reclamation,
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Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Rifle Quarry, Permit No. M-1985-038, Acreage Reduction (AR-1), Approval Request

Dear Ms. Adams:

On September 8, 2015 the Division inspected the above mentioned site in response to a surety release request. Staff felt that only a portion of the site complied with the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations, and the approved Reclamation Plan. And therefore the full request was denied on September 11, 2015. The operator was encouraged to submit an acreage release request for the portions that did comply with the approved reclamation requirements. On October 26, 2015 the Division received the request form the operator.

The request was to release all but 1.65 acres of the 40 acre permit. The Division has approved this request.

Per our memo of understanding prior to sending out approval notifications the Division needs a letter of concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management. Please submit a letter by Monday, December 28, 2015. If no comments are received then the Division will consider the request approved and notify the operator.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Yeldell', is written over a blue circular stamp.

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