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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Gardner Gravel Pit, File No. M-1979-037, Technical Revision (TR-2) Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Redmond:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. Include the entire 40 acre permit boundary, not just the land affected to date on your mining map per Rule 6.4.3 (d)
2. Also clarify within the 40 acre permit area where the 30 acres of max disturbance will be located and the direction of mining.
3. If any land will remain undisturbed throughout the life of the mine please indicate it on the mining map.

To allow for a more accurate reclamation cost estimates the operator is encouraged to also review and update their reclamation plan and map(s). The reclamation plan should conform to Rule 6.4.5 and the reclamation plan map to Rule 6.4.6. Please note that all unconsolidated material shall be sloped no steeper than 3H:1V.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by **Monday, January 18, 2016** in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

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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