

December 29, 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: Rifle Quarry, Permit No. M-1985-038, Acreage Reduction (AR-1), Approval

Dear Ms. Lien:

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 from the operator.

The request was to release 38.35 acres of the 40 acre permit. The Division initially approved this request on November 25, 2015. Per our memorandum of understanding prior to sending out approval notifications the Division needs a letter of concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). On December 29, 2015 the Division received a letter of concurrence from the BLM (see attached).

Therefore on December 29, 2015 the Division **approved** your request for release of 38.35 acres from the permit area from further reclamation responsibility. **The permit was reduced from 40 acres to 1.65 acres.**

Per Rule 3.1.12 (2) the boundaries of the affected area will be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequately delineate such boundaries. Please update the boundaries markers to reflect the new 1.65 acre permit boundary as soon as weather allows.

Please note that because the permit is not totally released, you are still liable for filing annual reports and fees and maintaining the financial warranty in good standing.

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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