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Attn: Dustin Czapla  
Re: Colona Pit – M-1994-005 Response to Inspection Report

Dear Dustin,

We received your inspection report regarding the Colona pit. In the report you referenced 3 items and I would like to address them separately.

- 1) Availability of Records – We met with the land owners last week and they notified us to complete the mining 2016/2017 and begin reclamation in ASAP so they can market the property. This changes our business plan for the pit and eliminates the need to file for Temporary Cessation (note: last mining activity was in 2013).
- 2) Revegetation – We have a weed control plan in place and we have notified our weed subcontractor (Paul Schreiner at Eco-Rx) to address the tamarisk problems you referenced in your inspection report. A TR will not be needed because we already have a weed control plan in place.
- 3) Signs & Markers – We will replace the sun damaged DRMS sign on the gate with the attached sign. I will send you picture documentation as soon as this sign is posted.

Corrective Item # 1 has been addressed and Corrective Action Item # 2 will be complete once the sign is posted later this week but Corrective Action Item # 3 will require a 90 day extension of the Correction Action Due date of December 16, 2015 which will allow us time to implement the tamarisk treatment process. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional documentation.

Sincerely,

Jason Burkey  
Environmental / Resource Manager  
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