

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

March 28, 2016

Angela Bellantoni Environmental Alternatives, Inc. 1107 Main Street Canon City, CO 81212

Re: North River Pit, Permit No. M-1999-005, Corrective Actions Received

Dear Ms. Bellantoni:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received your response on March 25, 2016 regarding the Problem identified during the inspection conducted at the North River Pit on January 14, 2016. The status of the Corrective Action associated with this Problem is as follows:

<u>Corrective Action:</u> The operator shall demonstrate compliance with the Office of the State Engineer (SEO) by obtaining a water court approved augmentation plan for exposed groundwater on site, or by backfilling the pits to at least two feet above the groundwater surface. If, by the corrective action due date, the Division does not receive documentation that one of the actions above has been completed at the site, the operator will be required to submit additional financial warranty to cover costs of backfilling any exposed groundwater not covered by a plan for augmentation.

The Operator submitted a letter stating acceptance of a financial warranty increase to include costs for backfilling the 8.06 acres of exposed groundwater not covered by a permanent plan for augmentation. The operator will continue to maintain a substitute water supply plan with the SEO to cover any evaporative losses. <u>Therefore, this Problem is considered abated</u>. The Division will send a notice of surety increase to the operator under separate cover.

If you need additional information, please contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at <u>amy.eschberger@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely, (Jown Exchanger Amy Eschberger Environmental Protection Specialist

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