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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: Gardner Gravel Pit, Permit/File No. M-1979-034, Complaint Received***

Dear Mr. Redmond:

On August 31, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a complaint regarding the above referenced site (enclosed). The Division received photo documentation showing several 50 gallon drums stored outside of a secondary containment and contaminated soil. Based on photo documentation received the Division is citing this as a problem for improper storage and containment of fuel and/or other hazardous materials.

All storage tanks, petroleum and any hazardous materials on site for any period of time shall have appropriate secondary containment. The site will also have to comply with all applicable SPCC requirements. Please supply photo documentation that any fuel or hazardous materials containers are stored properly - including applicable secondary containment structures by **Friday, October 14, 2016**. The operator may also provide photo documentation that all containers have been removed from the site on or before the corrective action date. Also please provide photo documentation that all contaminated soil was properly removed and provide a receipt showing that said material was properly disposed of by the corrective action date.

Note that secondary containment structures shall consist of an impermeable containment which could contain all contents of the tanks and various containers (when full) plus 10% of the total capacity.

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,

**Amy Yeldell**

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Cc:  
Russ Means, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS  
Scott Cowman, Routt County-Director of Environmental Health



# ROUTT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

08/31/2016

Amy Yeldell  
Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety  
1313 Sherman Street  
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Amy,

Per our telephone conversation I am writing to inform you of a complaint I received related to what appears to be improper storage and leaking of petroleum products at or near the Gardner Pit located in Routt County near Stagecoach Reservoir. The pit is located in Section 35 T4NR85W and the location of the leaking drums appears to be nearby based on the photos that have been provided below. The person issuing the complaint requested to remain anonymous so please contact me with any information related to the issue.

We appreciate the information you have already provided and your willingness to look into the situation.

Best Regards,

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