September 6, 2016

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

## RE: Powell's Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1995-012, Extension of Notice of Surety Increase (SI-1) Technical Revision Pending

Dear Mr. Powell:

On June 28, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) issued a Surety Increase notice due Monday, August 29, 2016 based on site conditions observed during the July 14, 2016 inspection. The increase is in the amount of \$5,053 for a total bond amount of \$14,253 to be held by the Division.

There have been ongoing discussions regarding posting the additional surety and the feasibility of the approved reclamation plan. On September 2, 2016 the Division received a letter requesting additional time to submit a technical revision (TR) to the reclamation plan. At this time the Division is approving your extension request in lieu of a TR submission.

The TR request and required \$216 revision fee must be received at the Division's Denver office no later than <u>Monday, November 07, 2016.</u> Attached is the TR cover letter. Several minor changes to you mining and reclamation plans can be made under the same TR.

The Division will assume if you do not explicitly state you wish to change a portion of your permit then all other previously approved stipulations remain in effect. You may wish to reference Rule 3, which outlines general reclamation requirements and Rule 6.3.4, the reclamation requirements for a 110c permit. Note that if your current plan doesn't address these questions (the rules have changed since 1995) you will need to address them now. Please be aware that the post mining land use may not be changed under a TR. Your approved post mining land use is general agriculture.

The Division will not withdrawal the Notice of Surety Increase (SI-1) until the TR submittal is approved. Upon approval of the TR the Division will recalculate the bond based upon the new plan requirements. At that time you will have 60-days from the TR approval to post the new bond amount if necessary. Please note if the TR is not submitted by November, 7, 2016, the Division may move forward with enforcement action on the current Surety Increase.

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



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Sincerely,

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