

January 9, 2017

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Swede Corners Pit, Permit No. M-1988-087, Acreage Reduction (AR-1), Approval

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On October 6, 2016 the Division inspected the above mentioned site in response the release request (SL-3) submitted on September 19, 2016. At that time, the access road did not have sufficient reclamation to approve a full release request. Staff recommend that an acreage reduction be requested for the areas that did meet the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations, and the approved Reclamation Plan. On December 19, 2016 the Division considered your acreage reduction request for 9.30 acres complete.

On January 9, 2017, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety **approved** your request for release of a portion of the permit area from further reclamation responsibility.

The permit was reduced from 9.90 acres to 0.60 acres.

Upon approval of this request the operator shall submit a Technical Revision to update maps to reflect the new permitted area. Technical Revision, with the required \$216 revision fee, shall be received by the Division no later than **March 10, 2017**.

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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