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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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February 24, 2017

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Re: South Fork #1 Pit, File No. M-2017-004, 111 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application, Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Carnahan:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) has begun the review process for the above referenced 111c permit application. The project appears to be a straight forward request for a 111c Construction Materials Reclamation Permit in Rio Grande County. A review of the application has revealed a few clarifications and issues that need to be addressed.

- 1) Per Rule 6.3.3(b), please clarify whether or not the plant growth medium (topsoil) will be reapplied over a regraded area immediately after it is salvaged. If not please specify how topsoil will be stockpiled and stabilized with a vegetative cover or means until used in reclamation.
- 2) 6.3.3(g) states that hauling operations will dictate some temporary improvements during the short term of this project. Are the mentioned improvements within the proposed permit boundary?
- 3) 6.3.3(l) addresses measures taken to minimize disturbance to the hydraulic balance. What measures will be taken to prevent off site damage and provide a stable during and after mining occurs?
- 4) 6.3.3(n) states future processed materials may include aggregates for hot asphalt and base courses. Please clarify if the application is proposing an asphalt plant.

This is a preliminary review. Other issues may arise from other agency comments, and as more information is supplied. This application cannot be approved until the issues brought forth are adequately addressed. Please submit a response to the issues as soon as possible, but no later than March 3, 2017 so the decision due date set for March 9, 2017 can be met. If your response or a written extension request are not received by March 3, 2017 this application may be denied.



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If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.2042.

Sincerely,



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