

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

February 28, 2017

Mr. Thomas E. Brubaker VALCO, INC. 9296 Windhaven Dr. Parker, CO 80134

## Re: Canon City East Pit, Permit No. M-1977-559; Acreage Reduction Comment, Revision No. AR-1

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

On February 24, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received the enclosed comment from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cañon City Service Center requesting a commitment to continue working with the Fremont County Weed Board to control noxious weeds, including little whitetop and Russian olive. On behalf of the NRCS, the Division would appreciate a written commitment to continue working with the Fremont County Weed Board to control noxious weeds on site for as long as Valco remains the permittee for the Canon City East Pit.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Timothy A. Cazier, P.E. Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure

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