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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Hertzog Pit, Permit No. M-1981-276, Technical Revision (TR-2) Suggested Additions

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the Technical Revision (TR-2). In reviewing your file an outstanding problem for this site was identified.

The currently approved mining plan has a maximum disturbance of 10 acres. To date approximately 24.3 acres is affected by mining. Based on the commitment letter received December 6, 2017 approximately 10 acres will be reclaimed in 2017. This will result in approximately 14.3 acres of mining phases plus the access road. Please see the attached map.

It is the Divisions recommendation that while you are making changes to your permit that you also revise your mining plan to resolve this problem. Requesting that the **maximum disturbance be 15 acres** will resolve this problem. In order to incorporate additional changes into TR-2 the Division must receive this request on or before **April 24, 2017**.

A decision due date has been set for April 27, 2017. There are no deficiencies with TR-2 as submitted with regards to revising the seed mix and updating the permit boundary.

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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