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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 19, 2017

Mr. Jerald Schnabel
Transit Mix Concrete Co.
444 East Costilla
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Re: Hitch Rack Ranch, Notice of Intent to Prospect ID No. P-2017-008;
Second Notice of Deficiencies**

Dear Mr. Schnabel:

On June 14, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and (Division) received your responses to the Division's June 2, 2017 notice of deficiencies to your application for Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration Operations (NOI) in El Paso County. Please address the following items:

Application:

1. Item 4, Description of Lands / Estimated acreage of land surface to be affected. The response is adequate.
2. Type of Operation – Item 7 (p.2). The response is adequate.
3. Reclamation Measures – Item 8 (p. 2): Please provide additional clarification for Item c (below):
 - a. A discussion on permanent abandonment for the six holes... The response is adequate,
 - b. An anticipated depth for each of the six holes... The response is adequate,
 - c. A seed mix with pounds per acre of pure live seed for each species to be used in reclamation. The response is **not adequate**. The proposed seed mix is different than that accepted by the Division for the original NOI (P-2014-016). The number of seeds estimated per square foot (approximately 60) is too low for broadcast seeding. Please explain why the seed mix has changed and whether the proposed mix is intended for drill seeding or broadcast seeding,
 - d. A thickness estimate of the available topsoil ... The response is adequate.
 - e. A planned method... The response is adequate. However, the Division will calculate the bond assuming broadcast seed rates (doubled) for seed costs and add costs to mobilize a drill seeder to the site to cover both approaches as indicated in the response.
4. Supplemental Forms – The response is adequate.



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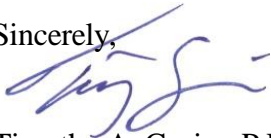
Financial Warranty:

Please note the Division will estimate a cost to reclaim the site based on the application and your response to the adequacy review issues above. Please be reminded that the proposed prospecting operations identified in the current modification application may not commence until the adequacy issues are addressed and the bond is submitted and approved by the Division.

Please provide a written response to address the above deficiencies within 60 days of this notice (August 18, 2017) or the Division may deny the modification application.

If you have any questions, please contact me (303-866-3567 ext. 8169).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Cazier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.

Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: DRMS file
Wally Erickson, DRMS
Amy Eschberger, DRMS