

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

June 20, 2017

Mr. Don Saling City of Sterling 421 N. 4th Street P.O. Box 4000 Sterling, CO 80751

Re: Rothe Sand & Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1995-017, Amendment Approval, Revision No. AM-1

Dear Mr. Saling:

On June 20, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved with a stipulation the Amendment application submitted to the Division on April 17, 2017, addressing the following:

This amendment includes a change in property description, additional mining of materials, and change in post-mining land use to recreation. Two existing pits will be expanded and connected into one gravel pit that will remain after mining to be used for recreation. Mined material will be used as a base for recreational trails both on-site and off-site.

The terms of the Amendment No. 1 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1995-017. All other conditions and requirements of Permit No. M-1995-017 remain in full force and effect. This amendment is approved with the following stipulation:

ST-01 - Additional excavation (beyond the currently exposed groundwater ponds) below the ground water table cannot occur until the City of Sterling has submitted documentation to the Division that they are in compliance with the Colorado Division of Water Resources.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jared L. Ebert Environmental Protection Specialist III

cc: Jonathan D. George, BBA Water Consultants

