



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

September 26, 2017

Mr. Kirk Daehling  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 CR 31  
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**Re: Nahcolite Project, Permit No. M-1983-194, Updated Reclamation Cost Estimate,  
Revision No. AM-4**

Dear Mr. Daehling:

On September 6, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) approved the Amendment application submitted to the Division on May 23, 2017, addressing the following:

- *Amendment to increase the permit acreage to 12,248 acres to be consistent with the EPA UIC permit area. Also to allow for construction of a new loadout area which includes a new elevator, conveyance system, a new electrical room and a baghouse. Amendment also incorporates a total of seven new wells. Total allowed maximum disturbance remains at 260 acres.*

It was brought to DRMS staff's attention that the reclamation cost estimate provided with the approval letter included the cost to plug and abandon wells that have already been plugged and abandoned. Please see the enclosed updated reclamation cost estimate with the total bond amount of \$3,992,973.66. This amount is less than the currently held bond amount of \$4,158,340.68 by a total of \$165,367.02. If you wish to reduce the bond amount to the amount that is required you must file a surety reduction request to do so. The revision is final and the currently held bond is considered adequate.

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,

Travis Marshall  
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