



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

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October 20, 2017

Anne Beierle  
City of Golden  
911 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Golden, CO 80401

RE: Empire Pit; DRMS File No. M-1977-534; Notice of Deficiencies (AR01)

Dear Ms. Beierle,

On October 5, 2017 the Division received your request for an acreage reduction for the Empire Pit, File No. M-1977-534. The Division has identified the following deficiencies which must be addressed before the Division can issue a decision.

1. The Operator has provided a map with the acreage reduction request. However, the map does not clearly depict the area which the Operator seeks to release. Please submit a map which depicts the entire permit boundary for the Empire Pit and clearly outline and label the area which is proposed to be released from further reclamation liability. In addition, the map shall specify the acreage associated with the area to be released, as well as the acreage associated with the area which will remain under the Reclamation Permit for the Empire Pit.
2. The Acreage Reduction Form specifies the Operator is seeking to release 130.80 acres from the site. The Division's records show the Empire Pit is currently permitted for 138.58 acres. Utilizing an aerial photograph, the Division determined the area which will remain is approximately 18 acres in size. Therefore, there is a discrepancy between the amount of acres which are proposed for release and the size of the area which will remain. Please review your calculations to ensure the correct acreage was specified on the Acreage Reduction Form. Any changes to the size of the area to be released must be submitted on a revised Acreage Reduction Form.

Be advised that if these items have not been addressed within 30 days from the date of this letter, the Acreage Reduction Request may be denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham  
Environmental Protection Specialist

