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**Re: Stone Pit, M-1997-089, Reclamation Plan Correspondence**

Dear Mr. Stone,

Recent correspondence between yourself, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) indicate there are some modifications to the Reclamation Plan of the above listed site being discussed. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the changes being discussed and the permitting processes that would be required to incorporate those changes to the approved 112c Reclamation Permit for ultimate release.

The currently approved Reclamation Plan outlines a post mining land use of Rangeland and generally describe the affected lands being graded to a 1 – 3 % grade dipping to the East, a small drainage channel and small berms along the west and north edges of the affected lands. The area is to be graded, topsoiled and revegetated with various dryland species including Indian Ricegrass, Western Wheatgrass, and Four wing Salt Brush.

Discussions indicate that a small graveled parking area and possibly an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) track around the perimeter of the permitted area are under consideration. Such changes would constitute a major change in Post Mining Land Use and would require a full Permit Amendment including the fee of \$2,229.00 be submitted in accordance with the Act and Rules to incorporate the changes.

It is understood that the reclamation of the site is approximately 75-80% complete at this time. Therefore a Technical Revision (TR) with a fee of \$216.00 could be submitted to alter the final topography of the reclamation plan to reflect the current configuration of the affected lands. The Division would also need documentation from the BLM stating that the current conditions on site satisfy the agency's reclamation requirements and concurrence for its release. Once the TR is approved, final release of the permit could be requested. Approval and release of the Reclamation Permit would allow Stone Sand and Gravel to construct OHV features that would not be in conflict with the final reclamation plan.



If no permitting changes are submitted, the affected lands will need to be reclaimed in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan. This includes final grading and the completion of revegetation efforts discussed above. Final release of the permit cannot be achieved until one of the avenues listed above is taken.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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