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Response to Reclamation Permit Financial Warranty Reduction Request Consideration

- DATE: January 30, 2018
- TO: Jared L. Ebert, Environmental Protection Specialist
- CC: Division 1 Office, District 2 Water Commissioner
- FROM: Ioana Comaniciu, P.E.
- RE: Mann Resources LLC, M & G Gravel Pit, File No. M-1986-079 Operator: Mann Resources LLC Contact: (303) 457-2966 Section 3, Twp 2 South, Rng 67 West, 6th P.M., Weld County

**COMMENTS:** Mann Resources LLC ("Mann Resources") has requested a financial warranty reduction for the M & G Gravel Pit, File No. M-1986-079. Mining at the site has been completed and the only remaining work to be done is reclamation. The current plan is to backfill the exposed groundwater within the next 3 to 5 years, depending on the availability of suitable backfill material. A SWSP for the site is pending approval with the State Engineer's Office. The SWSP is proposed to cover the evaporation depletions from the remaining 15.50 acres still exposed at the site since October 2017.

The SEO has no objection to the request for financial warranty reduction for the M & G Gravel Pit, File No. M-1986-079, provided, Mann Resources continues to backfill the site until there is no longer ground water exposed at the site. In addition Mann Resources must continue to replace the long-term evaporation losses and lagged depletions after backfilled has been completed in accordance to an approved SWSP or a court approved plan for augmentation. The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

