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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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April 2, 2018

Dan Hartman
City of Golden
911 10th Street
Golden, CO 80401

RE: Empire Pit; DRMS File No. M-1977-534; Adequacy Review No. 2 (TR03)

Dear Mr. Hartman,

The Division has identified several other comments and questions that must be addressed prior to the Division's decision due date. Please be advised that if you are unable to satisfactorily address any concerns identified in this review before the decision date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of the review period. If there are outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed prior to the end of the review period, and no extension has been requested, the Division will deny this application.

1. As required by Rule 3.1.5(9)(c), please commit to providing a signed affidavit certifying the imported soil will be clean and inert, prior to the importation of soil.
2. Please commit to providing the Division with a minimum of two weeks written notice prior to conducting the excavation activities. Upon notification, the Division will determine if a monitoring inspection can be scheduled while excavation activities are occurring. In addition, excavation should not occur until a soil source has been identified, approved by the Division and imported to the site.
3. The revised Reclamation Plan calls for applying mulch to the areas where sodic soils will be excavated and replaced with imported soil. Please specify the type, rate and application method of the mulch to be applied. The Division recommends applying weed-free hay mulch at 2 tons per acre.

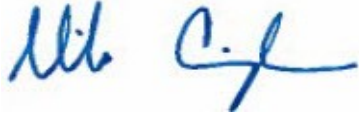
This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review of this Technical Revision. Please remember the decision date for this Technical Revision is April 5, 2018. If you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to this date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of this Technical Revision. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, the Technical Revision will be denied.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike C.", is positioned above the printed name.

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS
Anne Beierle, City of Golden