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RE: DeBeque Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1981-058, Inspection Problems Abated

Dear Mr. Latham:

On February 22, 2018 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of the above referenced site. Several inspection problems were noted in the report.

Problem 1) signs and markers was cited as a problem. A sign was present however the information displayed was inaccurate. Corrective actions required that you post a corrected sign and provide the Division with photo documentation by the corrective action date. On May 17, 2018 the Division received a letter which included photos from David King stating that the new sign was posted. This problem is now considered abated.

Problem 2) permit stipulations was cited as a problem due to the prolonged site inactivity. Mine sites that are active less than 180 days a year should be in temporary cessation or intermittent status. Corrective actions required that the operator request temporary cessation for the first five year period by the corrective action date. On May 3, 2018 the Division received your request for temporary cessation. This matter will be heard at the June Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) meeting. Upon approval by the MLRB this problem will be abated. There is no further action required at this time.

Problem 3) topsoil was cited as a problem for failing to establish vegetation and protect topsoil piles from erosion. Corrective actions require that you seed and stabilize all topsoil piles that will be stored longer than 180 days. On May 17, 2018 the Division received a letter from David King which included photos documenting that seeding has occurred. The Division would like to note that based on the pictures it appears that seed was broadcasted on top of the soil and not tilled in. If seed does not take then a subsequent seeding should occur this fall. This problem is now considered abated.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell, at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us



Sincerely,



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