

August 9, 2018

Ms. Amy Yeldell Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Nolte Pit #1 Permit # M-2012-016 RECEIVED

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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY

Via EMail

Dear Amy,

The purpose of this letter follows your email today regarding our need to request an extension to submitting the technical revision that we requested of July 10, 2018. Given additional data and clarifications requests in your July 16, 2018 correspondence, we feel we cannot adequately address your request for all of the data requested. Thus, we are requesting an extension of an additional 2 weeks pending receipt of requested information for the Weed Management Plan from Outdoor Services.

In summary, we are requesting a twoe week extension for submission of the technical revision for Nolte Pit #1 (Permit #M-2012-016) to August 23, 2018.

Upon your receipt and review, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

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Cc: Ray Anderson, PLC Chuck Whiteman, PLC

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Dear Amy,

The purpose of this letter follows your June 11, 2018 and July 16, 2018 letters to Chuck Whiteman regarding the need to submit a Technical Revision request regarding the following three items and request for more clear information discussed as follows:

1. Reclamation schedule: Prior to October 18, 2018, PLC will have performed the necessary reclamation in accordance to TR-3 through the installation of 5 rip-rap structures and straw waddles (within 60 days).

Per our phone conversation of July 27, PLC's ranch manager, Craig Kohls, is installing the rip rap, sediment traps and straw waddles during the month of August. Thus the installation of such will be completed by September 9, 2018, if not sooner. On-going maintenance will be required for these facilities as necessary.

Also, per our discussion, per our site meeting with Craig on 7/26/18, additional BMP's were found to be necessary following some high intensity rainfall events that occurred in the early part of July. We generally are finding that a couple more rip rap swales will be required in the western portion of the pit with additional ditching being required to divert flows to such. All of these rip rap locations along with the sediment traps/energy dissipation basins (at base of rip rapped slopes) and waddle locations will be updated on an as-built map that will be provided by the second week of September.

2. Reseeding of disturbed areas: As a result of rip rap and straw waddle installation, reseeding of the disturbed areas will occur through hand broadcasting with the seed mix and per the densities outlined in TR-3. Hand placement of mulching will also occur over the reseeded areas. This work will be performed following the BMP installation noted above. Thus, seeding will be completed by September 9, 2018 if not sooner. Likewise, as with the existing seeding placed



earlier this year, irrigation of the seed and mulched areas will need to be performed (concurrent with the timing of the existing seeded areas) to assure that germination can take place and will need to be performed throughout this year's growing season until after the first frost.

The bare pit floor areas will also be seeded following discing/surface roughening of the pit floor. Seeding rates and mix will be per TR-3 (double rates for hand broadcast). Mulching and amendments noted in TR-3 will also be applied following the seeding.

3. Treatment of noxious weeds will be performed in this same time period. We are coordinating with Barry Stahl of Outdoor Services to prepare the noxious weed management plan. His focus will be to identify the specific target species as well as the treatment and timing of such. We will be meeting with him on site on the afternoon of August 12th to respond to this issue. Once Barry forwards the requested information, we will forward it to you accordingly. Likewise, he will be instructed to implement his plan.

Upon your receipt and review, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted SGN

Cc: Ray Anderson, PLC Chuck Whiteman, PLC