

Holcim Boettcher Limestone Quarry Inspection - Extension Request

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Amy,

Please see attached Holcim's request for an additional 30 day extension on the Boettcher Quarry corrective actions.

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Submitted via Email

Amy Eschberger Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 1313 Sherman St., #215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Holcim (US) Inc. – Boettcher Limestone Quarry Inspection Request for Extension

Ms. Eschberger,

Holcim is formally submitting this request for an additional 30-day extension on closing and implementing corrective actions to the two inspection topics cited in your report. Specific reasons for this requested extension are as follows:

Hydrologic Balance (Ponded Water)

Holcim has been work with the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) to determine an exact amount for the replacement requirement. We have determined (and have received verbal agreement) that Holcim has a replacement requirement of up to 5 acre-feet per year of water from the ponds on the property. As such, Holcim has reached out to the City of Greeley to propose a water lease agreement that would satisfy DWR. Once the agreement if finalized, Holcim will submit an augmentation plan to DWR and request the Division sign off on the plan.

Unfortunately, the primary point of contact is no longer working with the City of Greeley, but we were not informed that his position was vacated. As a result, our proposal never moved to the City's board. We have been in contact with the Greeley Water Division personnel who are now reviewing our proposal and preparing it for submittal to the City's board.

<u>Hydrologic Balance (Groundwater Monitoring)</u>

As you are aware, Holcim has been working with DRMS and WQCD to A) understand the groundwater monitoring parameters and requirements and to B) investigate opportunities for site-specific standards. This work has not been finalized, but we believe there may be a path forward that we will be proposing to the Division in the coming weeks.

As an update, we have scheduled a meeting with DRMS and WQCD to discuss age dating work of the groundwater at the Boettcher Quarry. The result of discussion will hopefully help inform us on a path forward with developing the groundwater monitoring parameters going forward.

Holcim hopes the Division is satisfied with the work that has been done to address these two issues thus far. We are, of course, continuing to work on both issues, but they are complex and involve both internal and external parties. I am happy to provide more information on these issues should you need it.

Please contact me at 719.288.1423 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Manager

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