

January 7, 2019

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Mr. Timothy Cazier Environmental Protection Specialist 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: M-1978-009 Apache Mine, El Paso County, Colorado

Corrective Action Extension request

Dear Mr. Cazier:

General Shale Brick, Inc. (General Shale) has received your inspection report dated November 7, 2018 for the Apache Mine. The inspection found the following problem:

"The Division has no evidence that the operator has a valid well permit, substitute water supply plan, or approved water augmentation plan for the exposed groundwater at the site. This is a problem related to 34-32.5-116(4)(h) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and 3.1.6(1)(a) of the Construction Materials Rules and Regulations governing injury to existing water rights."

General Shale has contacted the Division of Water Resources (DWR) and are working with the DWR to resolve this issue. General Shale has received a letter from the DWR dated December 30, 2018 regarding the groundwater issue. General Shale is currently awaiting a reply to discuss the issue further.

GSB is requesting an extension of the due date of January 7, 2019. General Shale is requesting an additional 60 days to continue working with DWR to resolve this situation and request a new due date of March 8, 2019.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 303-783-3058 or by email at jason.mcgraw@generalshale.com.

Sincerely,

General Shale Brick, Inc.

Jason & Mynal

Jason E. McGraw P.E.

Mine Supervisor