

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

February 19, 2019

Derrick Dease Holcim (US) Inc. 3500 Highway 120 Florence, CO 81226

Re: Boettcher Limestone Quarry, Permit No. M-1977-348, Corrective Action Extension Approval

Mr. Dease:

On February 19, 2019, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your request to extend the Corrective Action deadline for the following problem identified in the inspection report sent to the operator on June 7, 2018:

1) **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 C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(h) and Rule 3.1.6(1)(a) governing injury to existing water rights.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

The operator shall demonstrate that the operation is in compliance with the Office of the State Engineer (SEO), show evidence that the operator is taking measures to bring the site into compliance with the SEO, or backfill the pits to at least two feet above the groundwater surface by the corrective action due date.

The operator is working to obtain the required water rights for the ponded water on site. If the operator is unable to gain compliance with the SEO for the ponded water, the Division will need to ensure the reclamation bond includes costs to backfill the pits to a minimum of two feet above the static water level.

The Division has approved an extension of the Corrective Action deadline to April 5, 2019.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at <u>amy.eschberger@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely, Anny Eschberger

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