



## COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

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

April 2, 2019

Thomas E. Brubaker  
Valco, Inc.  
9121 Sunshine Meadow Pl.  
Parker, CO 80134

**RE: Rocky Ford East Pit, Permit No. M-1977-560, Acreage Reduction Request (AR-2),  
Adequacy Review No. 1**

Mr. Brubaker,

On April 2, 2019, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) considered your Acreage Reduction request (AR-2) submitted for the Rocky Ford East Pit to be complete for filing purposes. Upon review of your request, the Division has identified the following items that require further clarification and/or information:

- 1) You are requesting a partial release of 40.38 acres, with the expressed intent to release all permitted acreage located west of Co Rd 22. However, the permit file shows the permitted acreage located west of Co Rd 22 to consist of 39.97 acres. After the Division approved Acreage Reduction No. 1 (AR-1) on June 2, 2016, the western portion of the permit area was reduced from 71.83 acres to 39.97 acres, for a total permit area of 147.30 acres (see enclosed Google Earth image of site showing approved permit area). Therefore, if you wish to release all permitted acreage west of Co Rd 22, please submit a new page 1 of the request form with the correct acreage amount (39.97 acres).
- 2) Please submit an updated mining plan map (if mining activities are expected to continue) and reclamation plan map for the site, which accurately depict the new permit boundary if the acreage reduction is approved. A release of 39.97 acres from the current permit area of 147.30 acres would leave a total permit area of 107.33 acres (located east of Co Rd 22).

Please submit the requested information no later than **June 1, 2019**. If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at [amy.eschberger@state.co.us](mailto:amy.eschberger@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

Amy Eschberger  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Encl: Google Earth image of site showing approved permit area

Cc: Michael Cunningham, DRMS





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Red Outline = 147.30 acres = Permit Area after AR-01 approval (39.97 acres West + 107.33 acres East)  
(Image data from 3/19/2016)

