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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 22, 2019

Mark Gardner
Whitewater Building Materials Cooperation
940 South 10th Street
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RE: Gunnison River Gravel Pits, File No. M-2009-048 , Technical Revision (TR-3) Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. Pit 1: please depict the permit boundary on this map.
2. Pit 1: please specify the anticipated acreage of the stockpile that will not be revegetated.
3. Pit 5: please depict the permit boundary on this map.
4. Pit 1: please specify the anticipated acreage of the compacted area that will not be revegetated.
5. Both of the pit maps depict slightly smaller lakes upon final reclamation as compared to previous map submittals. Note that this will result in increased of pond banks. (Pit 1 was 3.6 ac pond, now listed at 3.5. Pit 5 was 6.8 ac pond, now listed at 5.5.)
6. Please make a commitment to keep areas that will not be revegetated void of any noxious weed species.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by May 15, 2019 please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review



materials. A decision due date of May 22, 2019 has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@ state.co.us

Sincerely,



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