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Ref: 8WD-SDU

Kirk Daehling Natural Soda LLC 3200 RBC 31 Rifle, Colorado 81650

> Re: EPA UIC Area Permit CO30358-00000 Add Well to Area Permit: 15H-RI (CO30358-11816) Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Daehling:

Natural Soda LLC's (NS's) request to convert the 15H-R recovery well to an injection well (15H-RI) under the NS Area Permit is hereby authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8. The addition of the proposed 15H-RI injection well is being made under the authority of 40 CFR §144.33 (c) and terms of the NS Area Permit CO30358-00000 and subsequent modifications.

Please be aware that NS does not have authorization to begin injection operations until all Requirements Prior to Commencing Injection have been submitted and evaluated by the EPA and NS has received written authorization from the Director to begin injection.

Please submit the required data to William Gallant at the letterhead address citing mail code 8WD-SDU. If you have any questions, please contact William Gallant at (303) 312-6455 or (800) 227-8917, extension 312-6455.

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor, Director Water Division cc: Paul Daggett, BLM Travis Marshall, DMRS Jerry Daub, Daub & Associates

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