

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

July 16, 2019

Robert Christian Christian Construction Inc. 16230 Reata Rd. Peyton, CO 80831

## RE: Adequacy Review #2; 112c Construction Materials Amendment Application (AM-02) Elbert County Pit, Permit No. M-1985-129

Dear Mr. Christian:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Christian Construction Inc.'s (CCI) response to the Division's preliminary adequacy review on July 11, 2019. The Division is currently required to issue a decision on the application by July 24, 2019, unless CCI requests an extension in writing prior to the due date. The adequacy review items originally identified are listed below along with the response you provided. If an item identified is considered resolved, it has been removed. If additional information or clarification is needed for an item it is listed under the applicable issue. Please respond to this Second Adequacy Review with the requested additional/updated information on permit replacement pages and summarize each response in a cover letter titled "Adequacy Response #2; M-1985-129".

## EXHIBIT C – Pre-mining and Mining Plan Map(s) of Affected Lands (Rule 6.4.3)

- 1. During additional review of the permit file it appears that the proposed Amendment boundary excludes areas that are in the currently approved permit boundary, as shown on the revised permit map from AR-01 in 2007 (see Attachment A). Please update all maps to show the currently approved permit boundary. If there are areas of the approved permit boundary that fall outside the proposed amended permit boundary please incorporate those areas into the new boundary. Additionally, please provided a detailed acreage accounting showing any changes that may have occurred in redrawing the proposed permit boundary. Any changes in the proposed amendment acreage will have to be accounted for on the first page of the application form and resubmitted.
- Please update the map to show the inclusion of the haul road and scale house into the permit boundary.
  CCI Response: Please see the attached request from the land owner page 9 to release the haul road and scale house from the permit boundary.

**DRMS Response:** Release of lands from a permit area can only be made through a separate permitting action. As stated in the Division's Incompleteness Notice on February 26, 2019, inclusion of the haul road and scale house into the permit boundary will ensure compliance with Rule 1.1(3). The letter provided from the land owner in response to the Incompleteness letter allows for haul road and scale house to remain after reclamation and the permitee will not be bonded for reclamation of these features. Please update all maps to show the inclusion of the haul road and scale house into the permit boundary.



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**3.** Please update the map to show the current boundary of affected lands as it relates to the proposed mine phases.

**CCI Response:** Please see updated exhibit C map to show affected plans in relation to proposed mine. **DRMS Response:** On the currently approved permit map, Attachment A, the boundary of the extents of existing gravel pit are shown. Please incorporate this boundary onto the Pre-Existing and Mining Plan maps.

## EXHIBIT E – Reclamation Plan (Rule 6.4.5):

4. Please clarify if the Operator plans on replanting any trees or shrubs.

**CCI Response:** Please see page 20 (3.1.9)(2) wood vegetation shall be removed. 3.1.9 (2) reads: The site is a mostly grassland community with little or no woody vegetation. Therefore no trees of shrubs will be replanted during revegetation.

**DRMS Response:** In section 6.4.5 (2) (f) (v) the Operator states "We propose to replant any ponderosa pines with 10% survival". Please clarify if the Operator plans on replanting any trees or shrubs.

## Other Permits and Licenses (Rule 6.3.6):

5. Pursuant to Rule 1.6.2(2), please demonstrate that the Applicant's response to these adequacy issues have been placed with the application materials previously placed with the County Clerk or Recorders Office, and made available for public review

The decision deadline on this application is July 24, 2019. If additional time is required to respond to these adequacy issues please submit a written request for extension of the review period. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional adequacy issues and details as necessary.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at <a href="mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us">patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</a>.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Attachment A – Reclamation Exhibit 2007

CC: Michael Cunningham; Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety

