



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

January 15, 2020

Tom Brubaker
VALCO, Inc.
9121 Sunshine Meadow Pl
Parker, CO 80134

**Re: Rocky Ford East Pit, Permit No. M-1977-560, Surety Increase, Revision No. SI-4,
Notice of Deadline Extension**

Mr. Brubaker:

On January 15, 2020, the Division received your request to extend the deadline for submitting the additional required financial warranty (\$601,800.00) for the Rocky Ford East Pit, per Surety Increase No. SI-4, issued on October 4, 2019. You requested an extension to March 30, 2020 to complete the reclamation earthwork associated with backfilling Ponds C and D.

In its November 19, 2019 letter, the Division approved an initial extension to January 17, 2020, at which time, the Division would conduct an inspection of the site to assess reclamation work completed. The Division conducted an inspection of the site on January 14, 2020, and observed that a significant portion of Pond D has been backfilled. Given the progress that has been made at the site, the Division is not opposed to giving the operator more time to complete this work.

Therefore, the Division has approved the operator's extension request, giving a new deadline of March 30, 2020 to complete additional reclamation work at the site. Prior to that date, the Division will conduct another inspection to assess the work completed. Based on its findings, the Division will reassess the required financial warranty for the site and notify the operator of any changes to that amount.

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.

Sincerely,

Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist

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