



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

April 7, 2020

George Tempel
Midwestern Farms
P.O. Box 246
Wiley, CO 81092

Re: Midwestern Farms, Permit No. M-1993-059, Status of Required Corrective Actions

Mr. Tempel:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is providing the following status update on the remaining corrective actions required by the inspection report mailed on September 26, 2019 for Midwestern Farms:

- 1) **PROBLEM:** There are state-listed noxious weed species present on site, particularly Tamarisk (salt cedar) and Field Bindweed. This is a problem pursuant to Rule 3.1.10(6) for failure to employ weed control methods for all prohibited noxious weed species within the affected lands, and to reduce the spread of weeds to nearby areas.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Implement the approved weed control plan for all state-listed noxious weed species on the affected lands, and provide proof to the Division that this was done. If the operator wishes to revise the approved weed control plan, the proposed plan must be submitted in the form of a Technical Revision with the appropriate fee of \$216.00 by the corrective action date. The Division recommends the operator consult with the county extension agency or weed control district office in developing a plan that includes specific control measures to be applied, a schedule for when control measures will be applied, and a post-treatment monitoring plan.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DATE: August 31, 2020

STATUS UPDATE: *On April 6, 2020, the operator provided photographic documentation the weed control plan was implemented for Tamarisk trees along the pond shorelines. Therefore, this problem is considered abated at this time. However, the Division intends to inspect the site again this summer to verify the weed control plan is being implemented for all prohibited noxious weed species within the affected lands.*

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,

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