



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

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**Re: Lyons Quarry, Permit No. M-1977-141, Receipt of Reclamation Deadline Extension Request**

Mr. Deuto:

On March 30, 2020, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your request for a one year extension to the five-year period allowed for completing reclamation after mining has ceased, per Rule 3.1.3. The Lyons Quarry came out of Temporary Cessation on February 17, 2016, and according to the operator, no mining activities have occurred at the site since that time. Therefore, according to Rule 3.1.3, reclamation of the site must be completed by February of 2021.

In discussions with the operator earlier this year, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the operator had described plans to begin the required reclamation earthwork at the site this spring/summer. At that time, it was thought that reclamation could be completed by the February 2021 deadline. However, since then, shutdown conditions have been ordered across the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the extension request, these measures have significantly and negatively impacted Aggregate Industries' operations. Assuming the shutdown order is lifted this summer, the operator believes a one year extension to the reclamation deadline, to February 2022, will be sufficient for completing reclamation at the site.

The Division understands the burden the COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding shutdown has placed on businesses throughout the state, including mine operators. Additionally, Division staff has the authority under Rule 3.1.3 to extend the 5-year period for completing reclamation. However, prior to approving the operator's extension request, the Division must first receive a detailed reclamation schedule for the Lyons Quarry, including a description and timeline for the work to be completed. Given the uncertainties regarding the duration of the shutdown, the operator is encouraged to provide best estimates based on information available at this time.

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](mailto:amy.eschberger@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Chance Allen, Aggregate Industries - WCR, Inc.  
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