

April 17, 2020

Reference No. 19134436-1-L-0

Ms. Amy Eschberger

Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

BOETTCHER QUARRY PERMIT NUMBER M-1977-348 REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF WORK ACTIVITIES

Dear Ms. Eschberger:

On behalf of Holcim (US) Inc. (Holcim), Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) is requesting Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) approval for the temporary suspension of office and field activities associated with the Boettcher Quarry (Site) due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Travel restrictions and health screening protocols are already impacting the ability of staff to mobilize to the site, and business closures are also starting to impact the ability to obtain supplies and work in the area. The issue is evolving daily, and we are not able to predict upcoming conditions.

In addition, the sudden and worldwide drop in economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic is placing further hardship on the industry and Holcim. Holcim is part of an international company that has plants in many countries suffering pandemic economic distress, as well as in the United States. The drastically changed economic conditions could not have been anticipated by Holcim and have led to economic conditions beyond Holcim's control. The loss of revenue has been immediate and the impacts are being felt throughout the company. Holcim is asking regulators at several of its environmental projects around the country to temporarily postpone work as a result of the pandemic so the company can direct its financial resources towards the health, safety, and welfare of its employees and to maintain the cement plants and equipment that will be needed when the pandemic threat passes.

The activities associated with this request include the following:

- The first semi-annual groundwater monitoring event typically occurs in May of each year. Golder will either reschedule the field work, if travel restrictions and available staffing allow, or resume sampling during the next semi-annual event scheduled for November 2020. Due to the hydrological conditions and slow recharge of Site wells, multiple sampling events in close proximity to one another in the second half of 2020 may not be appropriate; therefore, Holcim will negotiate a schedule with the DRMS when normal operating conditions resume.

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- Under the DRMS Inspection Notice dated February 28, 2020, a technical revision to revise the groundwater monitoring network for the Site (Inspection Topic #2) is due by the corrective action date of April 28, 2020. To prepare this technical revision, Site access for Holcim, Golder, and contractors is required. Due to the uncertainty of the effects of the pandemic, it is difficult to give a definite timeline to move forward; however, Holcim is requesting an extension of the submittal deadline to June 27, 2020. If travel restrictions and health screening protocols continue to impact Site access, a request for further extension of the technical revision submittal will be discussed with the DRMS.
- This extension request does not apply to the items related to ponded water requested by the DRMS under Inspection Topic #1, which will be submitted by the corrective action date of April 28, 2020.

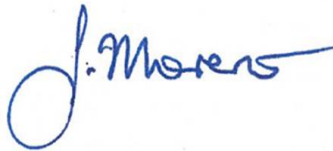
We would appreciate the Agency's consideration of this request. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned via e-mail to set up telephone call. We are working remotely during this period.

Sincerely,

Golder Associates Inc.



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