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Three Bells Pit (M-1979-191)

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Amy,

We received your letter regarding Martin Marietta Material's surety release request for the Three Bells Pit (M-1979-191). Unfortunately, we feel we must formally object to the site being released from the DRMS permit and surety bond. We (myself and Eric Reckentine from North Weld County Water District) visited the site and noted issues with reservoir shoreline erosion and unacceptable vegetation growth on both the reservoir shoreline and top of bank. More specifically: (1) There is significant erosion along most of the shoreline (Image 1). The presumed wave erosion has resulted in a fairly consistent 2 to 4 foot high steep or near vertical break between the water line and the top of bank. In addition to creating suspended sediment problems within the reservoir, uncontrolled, the erosion has the potential to impact the reservoir liner. (2) Undesirable vegetation, including trees and other woody vegetation, has taken hold along the reservoir shoreline (Image 2). Of most concern are the trees and woody vegetation that could potentially compromise the reservoir liner. (3) We believe the top of bank vegetation cover is sparse and contains a significant and unacceptable amount of weed growth (Image 3).

We apologize for the delay in getting our concerns to you, but are available if you need additional information or comment. We look forward to your site inspection observations and report.

Mike Scheid

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Image 2.jpg
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Image 3.jpg
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