



**THE FOUNTAIN MUTUAL IRRIGATION COMPANY**

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**July 22, 2020**

**Mr. Tim Cazier, P.E.  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety  
1313 Sherman Street, Ste. 215  
Denver, CO 80203**

**RE: Big Johnson Reservoir, El Paso County, CO  
Inspection Permit No. M-2020-028**

**Dear Tim:**

**Pursuant to the State Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (DRMS) site visit to the Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. (FMIC) Big Johnson Reservoir on May 29, 2020 and your subsequent Inspection Permit No. M-2020-028 issued on this same date, FMIC is required to submit a mine reclamation permit to DRMS within sixty (60) days to comply with State regulations.**

**After discussions with the FMIC Board of Directors to address the various options with respect to the continued silt removal within the reservoir over the next several months, FMIC would request from DRMS an additional 30 - 45 day extension at this time to continue review of the various mine reclamation permit options available to the company. During this extension time frame, FMIC will evaluate the various permits suggested by yourself and DRMS for our site and the company's intent is to proceed with the process for submittal within this time frame. Any assistance you can provide in completing this permit process would be greatly appreciated.**

**The company disagrees with the position that the excavation of its reservoir to restore its decreed storage space constitutes a mining activity but does not intend to protest the DRMS determination at this time. The permitting process stated above is seen as the appropriate option at this time and the application will be made with a reservation of the company's future rights.**

**Thank you for your consideration of this extension and please let me know if you should require any additional information from FMIC for this request.**

**Respectfully,**

**Gary L. Steen, P.E.  
Manager/Engineer for FMIC**

**Cc: FMIC Board of Directors**  
**Steve Monson**  
**Polly Jessen**