



October 12, 2020

Julie Mikulas
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.
1800 N. Taft Hill Road
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Re: Three Bells Pit, Permit No. M-1979-191, Status of Required Corrective Actions

Ms. Mikulas:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is providing the following status update for the corrective actions required by the Division's July 28, 2020 inspection report:

INSPECTION TOPIC: Revegetation

PROBLEM: There are state-listed noxious weeds present on site. This is a problem for failure to employ weed control methods for all prohibited noxious weed species within the permitted area, and to reduce the spread of weeds to nearby areas as required by Rule 3.1.10(6).

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: By the corrective action date, the operator shall either implement the existing weed control plan and submit photographic evidence demonstrating this has been done, or develop a new weed control and management plan in accordance with Rule 3.1.10(6) and submit this plan as a Technical Revision to the approved plan with the required \$216.00 fee. The proposed weed control and management plan should be developed in consultation with the county extension agency or weed control district office, and should include specific control measures to be applied, a schedule for when control measures will be applied, and a post-treatment monitoring plan.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: October 10, 2020

STATUS UPDATE: *On October 9, 2020, the operator submitted photographic evidence demonstrating the weed control plan has been implemented at the site. Therefore, this problem is considered abated at this time.*

INSPECTION TOPIC: Hydrologic Balance

PROBLEM: There are volunteer trees and other woody vegetation growing along the pit/reservoir walls which were clay-lined to prevent the exposure of groundwater. The penetration of the clay liner by the roots of these plants could potentially compromise the integrity of the clay liner, causing groundwater to enter the pit/reservoir. This is a problem related to C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(h) and Rule 3.1.6(1)(a) governing injury to existing water rights.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: By the corrective action date, the operator shall remove all trees and other woody vegetation from the pit/reservoir walls in a manner that protects the integrity of the clay liner, and provide photographic evidence demonstrating this has been done.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: October 10, 2020



STATUS UPDATE: *On October 9, 2020, the operator submitted photographic evidence demonstrating all trees and other woody vegetation has been removed from the lined shorelines of the reservoirs. Therefore, this problem is considered abated 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Eschberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Michael Cunningham, DRMS