



August 24, 2020

Mr. Elliott R. Russell
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Adequacy Review Response, Technical Revision #9; Gillette Mine, Permit No. M-1992-009

Dear Mr. Russell,

On behalf of Mr. Chris Pyles, owner and operator of Gillette Sand and Gravel, Inc., RealTime Aquifer Services (RAS) has prepared this document in response to your August 7, 2020, Adequacy Review for Technical Revision #9 (TR-09). Your comments are provided below with our response to each comment.

1. *Comment:* Please provide the appropriate permit, license, approval, or documentation demonstrating authorization is not required for the proposed crusher/wash plant from Teller County Planning and Zoning Department or commit to obtaining appropriate authorization from Teller County.

Response: We are currently seeking conditional use permit documentation from the Teller County Planning and Zoning Department to indicate that the mining operation, including operation of the proposed crusher/wash plant, will be compliant. However, should that documentation be unavailable, we commit to obtaining the required authorization from Teller County.

2. *Comment:* Please provide the appropriate permit, license, approval, or documentation demonstrating authorization is not required for the proposed crusher/wash plant from the CDPHE Air Quality Control Division or commit to obtaining appropriate authorization from APCD.

Response: We have prepared and will submit an APEN for the Gillette Mine to the CDPHE Air Quality Control Division for their evaluation. Mine production is less than the 70,000 ton per year exemption level; therefore, under the present conditions, we anticipate that the mining operation will be an exempt from permitting and the APEN notification process. However, we commit to permitting and/or APEN notification, should it be required.

3. *Comment:* Please provide information regarding if the crusher/wash plant requires a permanent foundation or foundation footers which would need to be demolished during final reclamation and accounted for in the reclamation cost estimate.



Response: The crusher/wash plant and appurtenant conveyor and power units are all equipped with either tires/wheels, or are skid mounted. None of the equipment requires a permanent foundation. All equipment will be removed from the site upon the completion of mining.

We appreciate your comments and hope that this letter is responsive to the Adequacy Review of TR-09. We further hope that Mr. Pyles can return to his important work of supplying the Teller County community with aggregate. Should you have additional questions, comments, or require any information, please contact me at 303-808-6133 or at bren.shine@q.com.

Regards,
RealTime Aquifer Services

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Brendan Shine, P.E.
Senior Geological Engineer

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William Pedler
President/ Geological Engineer

Cc: Chris Pyles, President