



January 29, 2021

Jerald Schnabel
Castle Aggregate/Transit Mix Concrete
549 E Cucharras Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

RE: Hitch Rack Ranch, Monitoring Wells - File No. P-2017-008,
Surety Release Request Application (SL-1) Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Schnabel:

On January 4, 2021, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received your Surety Release Request for the Hitch Rack Ranch, monitoring wells Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration Operations, located in El Paso County. A review of the Permanent Abandonment Final Reports submitted for the seven monitoring wells drilled in 2017 found the following discrepancies:

1. LTC-GW-1. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) permit (No. 307364) provided for LTC-GW-1 is actually for LTC-MW-7. According to previous submittals, the DWR permit no. for LTC-GW-1 is 307358. Please provide the correct DWR permit for LTC-GW-1.
2. LTC-GW-2. The longitude and latitude (-104.8877058°; 38.5651500°) in the Permanent Abandonment Final Report is more than 200 ft from the location stated in the DWR permit no. 307473 (UTM coordinates: 509856.0E; 4278527.0N) and more than 300 ft from the location DRMS has from GPS field collected data. Please provide a revised Permanent Abandonment Final Report with the correct longitude and latitude for LTC-GW-2.
3. LTC-GW-3. The longitude and latitude (-104.8980686°; 38.6589612°) in the Permanent Abandonment Final Report is more than 200 ft from the location stated in the DWR permit no. 307360 (UTM coordinates: 508816.0E; 4278868.0N) and more than 300 ft from the location DRMS has from GPS field collected data. Please provide a revised Permanent Abandonment Final Report with the correct longitude and latitude for LTC-GW-3.
4. LTC-GW-7. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) permit (No. 307473) provided for LTC-GW-7 is actually for LTC-MW-2. According to previous submittals, the DWR permit no. for LTC-GW-7 is 307364. Please provide the correct DWR permit for LTC-GW-7.

The Division conducted an inspection of the site on January 21, 2021. Based on the inspection, I will recommend release of reclamation liability for P-2017-008, once the aforementioned discrepancies



with the Permanent Abandonment Final Reports have been resolved. An inspection report for this month's visit to P-2017-008 will be sent under separate cover.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim A. Cazier".

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist

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