February 24, 2021

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Attn: Patrick Lennberg, Environmental Protection Specialist 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Fillmore Pit M1990-144 Amendment, Preliminary Adequacy Review Response

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- 19. The map has been updated.
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- 21. The fence lines shown on the southern portion of the permit area will remain.
- 22. Upon review of the DWR website, wells 6888F and 84772 were located. Well 6890F was not located on their website.
- 23. Well 84772 will be utilized for water use on the project when Fremont Paving and Redi Mix/A&S Construction is operating in the pit. If other contractors operate in the site, they will need to provide updated well and lease information.
- 24. The AGUA lease used for previous mining activity was with A&S Construction. It is attached for review. If the owner/operator of this pit uses another company for mining activities, they will need to supply a similar agreement for future mining activities.
- 25. No new road will be constructed.
- 26. The owner/operator has read the comments from DWR and agree with all conditions of approval. The updated section is attached for review.
- 27. The operator is also the owner of the land this pit sits on.
- 28. Proof of newspaper publication is attached for review.
- 29. Proof of notice to nearby landowners is attached for review.
- 30. A receipt from the Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder is attached for review.

If additional information is necessary, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Sui Jodi Schreiber

719-275-3264 719-529-0916 jodi@arycorp.com

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REGULAR (112) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

CHECK ONE: 🖌 There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation						
Permit # <u>M1.990</u> <u>144</u> (Please reference the file number currently assigned to this operation) New Application (Rule 1.4.5) Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)						
Permit # <u>M 1990 144</u> (provide for Amendments and Conversions of existing permits)						

The application for a Construction Materials Regular 112 Operation Reclamation Permit contains three major parts: (1) the application form; (2) Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, any sections of Exhibit 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit; and (3) the application fee. When you submit your application, be sure to include one (1) <u>complete signed and notarized ORIGINAL</u> and one (1) copy of the completed application form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, appropriate sections of 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit; and a check for the application fee described under Section (4) below. Exhibits should <u>NOT</u> be bound or in a 3-ring binder; maps should be folded to 8 1/2" X 11" or 8 1/2" X 14" size. To expedite processing, please provide the information in the format and order described in this form.

GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

Type or print clearly, in the space provided, <u>ALL</u> information requested below.

1.	Applicant/operator or company name (name to be used on permit): R.Lewis Fillmore)	
	1.1 Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.): Individual		
2.	Operation name (pit, mine or site name): Boone - Fillmore Pit		
3.	Permitted acreage (new or existing site):	84	permitted acres
	3.1 Change in acreage (+)	94.10	acres
	3.2 Total acreage in Permit area	178.1	acres
4.	Fees:		
	4.1 New Application	\$2.696.00	application fee
	4.2 New Quarry Application	\$3,342.00	quarry application
	4.4 Amendment Fee4.5 Conversion to 112 operation (set by statute)	\$2,229.00	amendment fee
	4.5 Conversion to 112 operation (set by statute)	\$2,696.00	conversion fee
5.	Primary commoditie(s) to be mined: Gravel		
	5.1 Incidental commoditie(s) to be mined: 1. <u>NA</u> - <u>lbs/Tons/yr</u> 2	1	lbs/Tons/yr
	3. <u>/ lbs/Tons/yr</u> 4. <u>/ lbs/Tons/yr</u> 5	/	lbs/Tons/yr
	5.2 Anticipated end use of primary commoditie(s) to be mined: Construction Aggrega	te	
	5.3 Anticipated end use of incidental commoditie(s) to be mined: <u>NA</u>		

6. 7.	Name of owner of subsurface rights of affected land: If 2 or more owners, "refer to Exhibit O". Name of owner of surface of affected land: R. Lewis Fillmore					
8.	Type of mining operation: Surface Underground					
9.	Location Information: The center of the area where the majority of mining will occur:					
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{COUNTY:} & \underline{\text{Pueblo}} \\ \text{PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one):} & \boxed{\checkmark} & 6th (Colorado) & & 10th (New Mexico) & & \text{Ute} \\ \text{SECTION (write number):} & & s & \underline{24} \\ \text{TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction):} & T & \underline{21} & & \text{North} & \boxed{\checkmark} & \text{South} \end{array}$					
	RANGE (write number and check direction): $R frac{61}{1}$ $East$ $West$ QUARTER SECTION (check one): NE NW SE SW QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one): NE NW SE SW					
	GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation):					

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10. Primary Mine Entrance Location (report in either Latitude/Longitude OR UTM):

Latitude/Longitude:						
Example: (N) 39° 44' (W) 104° 59'						
Latitude (N): deg	min	sec	(2 decimal places)			
Longitude (W): deg	_ min	min sec (2 decimal places)				
OR						
Example: (N) 39.73691° (W) -104.98449						
Latitude (N)	201223	_(5 decimal places	;)			
Longitude(W) -104	168049	(5 decimal places)				
OR						
Universal Tranverse Mercator (UTM)						
Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13 4398351.2 N						
UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) Nad 83 Zone 13						
Easting						
Northing						

EXHIBIT E

RECLAMATION PLAN

1. General Reclamation Plan

Post-mining land use will return the entire disturbed site back to pastureland with native grasses on all slopes and is consistent with existing land use in the area. All slopes will be reclaimed to 3H:1V or shallower. As described in the mining plan, reclamation will occur concurrently with mining. Overburden will be pushed at a 3H:1V slope to the adjacent phase in reclamation resulting in only 15 vertical feet of active 3H:1V dozer pushed down highwall at any given time. No more than 400 lateral feet of highwall will remain in need of knockdown at any time.

Topsoil and overburden from the current mining phase will be used to reclaim the previous mined out phase. It is anticipated that backfilling and seeding will occur at 1 to 2-year intervals until the site is completely mined. As the first area is opened, topsoil and overburden will be stockpiled to be used for that phase's reclamation post mining. If topsoil and overburden berms are in place longer than 6 months, the berms will be seeded with clover to diminish wind erosion.

Topsoil will be replaced to a depth of 4 inches. When dispersed, overburden will be placed and compacted to at least 6" depth. By using onsite stockpiled materials and completing reclamation of mined areas concurrent with active mining, the distance that topsoil and overburden is transported, as well as the amount of material to be rehandled, will be minimized. Additionally, mined and unreclaimed acreage will be minimized and will make the worst-case reclamation area smaller thus decreasing the required bond. The internal haul road will be reclaimed at the end of the mine life.

2. Reclamation Timetable

Reclamation will take place concurrently with mining with an additional estimated 6 months of reclamation commencing after mining is completed.

EXHIBIT G

WATER INFORMATION

1. General

Current conditions of the site include pastureland and native grass vegetation. The Colorado Ditch runs to the north of the site. A structure agreement was obtained as this ditch is within 200' of the permit boundary.

NRCS Custom Soil Resource Report is attached for review.

Water encountered in the pit will not be released from the site. The only water that will be found within the disturbed area is stormwater runoff and purchased water from offsite sources used for processing and for dust control. Once excavation of new areas begins, all water from the disturbed area will drain to the bermed active mine area or the processing area and will not leave the site. Ground water will not be exposed during the mining operation. If stormwater is detained, the detention structures will meet all regulations. All water used on-site will be a legal supply of water provided by an appropriate supplier.

According to searches on the Division of Water Resources database there are two wells within the vicinity of the site. One is owned by the operator of this site, Ronald Fillmore, and is 46 feet deep. The other is owned by James Green and is at a depth of 54 feet. Please see the well information below:



The Pueblo Chieftain

825 W 6th St., Pueblo, CO 81003 Phone (719)544-3520

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Account #: 28233 Order #: 0000220983

PROOF OF PUBLICATION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF COLORADO, } County of Pueblo, } ss.

I, Ashley Munoz, do solemnly swear that I am an employee of THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN; that the same is a daily newspaper printed in the County of Pueblo, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Pueblo for a period of 365 days a year next prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States Mail as a second class matter under the provisions of the act of March 3rd, 1987, or any amendment thereof duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado of which is attached a true copy from said newspaper and was published on the following dates:

> January 15, 2021 January 22, 2021 January 29, 2021 February 05, 2021

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

this 9 day of February A.D. 2021

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Pueblo, State of Colorado,

this 9 day of February A.D. 2021 Notary Pul

MONICA S. SWEENEY NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20124073279 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER, 15, 2024

Public Notice

R. Levis Filmore, PO Box 258, Boone, CO 81025 has filed an application for a Regular (112) Construction Material Operation Retination Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Rectanzion Board under provident of the Colorado Land Rectanzian Act for the Exercision of Construction Materials. The proposed mine is known as the Filmore PR and is located at or near Section 24, Township 21, Range S1.

The proposed date of commencement is March 2021, and the proposed date of completion is March 2041. The proposed faiture use of the line is respective. Additional information and tentable decision data may be obtained from the Ohiskon of Actionation. A finiting and Safety 1133 Serimans Sareet, Room 215, Denner, CO 10201 (101):460-365 er at the Pueblo County Cleft and Recorder's Office, 215 W.10² Sireet, Aveblo, CO 1010, of the above n-mined applicant.

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2021.

Please note that nodes the provisions of C.R.S. 34-823-363 or gogg. Commons related to nodes, hird traffic, haves of operators, result largerin, effects on property values and other social or economic economic evidence in test and subject to this Offer's printificer. Data uniform, and winder one, we operative distants of the your local generators, endor then the Driskon of Acclementon, Juning, and Sylery or the Xined Lend Rectanustion Board.

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WATER LEASE AGREEMENT

This WATER LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease") is made and entered into effective as of the March 1, 2020, by and between the Arkansas Groundwater Users' Association ("AGUA") and A&S Construction ("Lessee");

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lessee desires to lease water for Lessees use, which use is described as sand washing operations at the Caldwell/Nesselhuf and Fillmore Pits and construction water at an off-site project located near Fowler, CO;

WHEREAS, AGUA is a Colorado non-profit organization established in 1995 by well users in the Arkansas River Valley to protect and develop water supplies in the Arkansas Basin for the benefit of its members (a/k/a shareholders); and

WHEREAS, at times AGUA projects that replacement water will be available for lease to nonshareholders, and such water is the subject of this lease.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and the payments to be made hereunder, the parties agree as follows:

1. Deliveries of Leased Water:

a. Amount: In accordance with the terms hereof, AGUA will make available to Lessee 71 Acrefeet ("leased water") for twenty-four (24) months starting on the 1st day of March, 2020.

b. Point of Delivery. AGUA will deliver the leased water to the Arkansas River at or near the confluence of Fountain Creek and the Arkansas River ("Point of Delivery"). Lessee will contact AGUA at least 2 days in advance to coordinate the amount and timing of deliveries, and such deliveries shall be subject to any legal or physical flow rate restrictions on the water rights to be delivered. AGUA may deliver to the Point of Delivery any source of fully consumable water decreed for augmentation that AGUA has the right to use. Lessee shall be solely responsible for the water once delivered at the Point of Delivery, including but not limited to obtaining any and all administrative approvals needed to exchange and use the leased water. The water to be delivered hereunder is raw water that has not been treated to make it suitable for any particular use. Any treatment of the water delivered hereunder to make it suitable for Lessee's use is the responsibility of Lessee.

2. Price. Lessee agrees to pay AGUA \$ Der acre foot of leased water for a total of \$ upon signing this Lease. AGUA will refund Lessee on a proportional basis for any amounts of leased water that AGUA is not able to deliver. The parties agree that the water is leased on a "take or pay" basis, and Lessee shall not be entitled to a refund for leased water delivered by AGUA that is not used by Lessee.

3. Approvals to utilize leased water. Lessee shall only use the water for the purpose stated on page 1, unless AGUA approves in writing a different use. Lessee will be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and obtaining all approvals necessary for Lessee's diversion and use of the water. If Lessee requires approvals from administrative or judicial authorities to use the leased water, then AGUA will cooperate with Lessee to provide information regarding the leased water that may be needed to obtain such approvals. However, all costs of any such approvals will be borne by Lessee.

AGUA shall not be required to install or make any physical alteration of any of facilities or outlet measuring devices. AGUA does not make any representations or guarantees as to the water quality of the leased water. Lessee will not file an application or request approval with any administrative or judicial authorities that includes a change (as defined by Section 37-92-103(5), C.R.S.) to any of the leased water without the express written consent of AGUA, which consent is in the sole discretion of AGUA.

4. Deliveries and use subject to terms of other agreements and hydrologic conditions. Lessee acknowledges and accepts that the leased water is dependent upon sources from which the supply is variable in quantity and beyond the control of AGUA. Some of the leased water will be derived from water that AGUA leases from third parties. Lessee acknowledges and accepts the risks that AGUA's delivery of leased water may be subject to and limited by those third party leases, hydrologic conditions, and governmental orders, and agrees to use the water in compliance with applicable third party leases. In the event that water is not available to AGUA pursuant to a third-party lease or other conditions, AGUA will make reasonably efforts to deliver from other water rights owned or leased by AGUA, but AGUA does not guarantee delivery of leased water and AGUA shall not be required to reduce water available to its shareholders in order to make deliveries pursuant to this Lease.

5. Indemnification. AGUA shall have no responsibility or liability in tort or contract to Lessee or third parties for any claim, demand, action or liability whatsoever asserted or arising as a result of the delivery or nondelivery or use of the leased water by Lessee. Lessee shall indemnify AGUA from any such claim, including reasonable attorney fees. If deliveries are limited as a result of hydrologic conditions beyond AGUA's control or the operation of third party leases, then Lessee agrees that such nondelivery shall not be considered a breach of this Lease.

6. Transportation and evaporation losses. Lessee will bear all transportation and evaporation losses from the Point of Delivery to the place of Lessee's diversion or use.

7. Not a permanent supply. The Parties understand and agree that this Lease is not to be interpreted as obligating AGUA to deliver water after the term of this lease, and no additional or holdover terms shall be implied.

8. Title to water rights. Nothing herein is to be interpreted to give Lessee any legal or equitable title in or to any of the leased water.

9. Lease does not grant AGUA membership. This lease does not grant Lessee membership in AGUA or any of the rights of AGUA shareholders.

10. Assignability. This Lease may not be assigned, or the water subleased, except the Lease may be assigned to any successor in interest to the wells augmented by the leased water and used to augment those wells. The terms of this Lease shall be binding on any such successor.

11. Termination. This Lease shall terminate no later than twenty-four months after the date on which deliveries commence. In the event AGUA is notified by any federal or state agency that this Lease constitutes a violation of AGUA's contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation, other applicable federal licenses, permits, federal law, or other contracts through which AGUA obtains water, AGUA may provide written notice of early termination to Lessee. As an alternative to AGUA's pursuing remedies for breach, and without providing any notice and opportunity to cure, AGUA may also provide written notice of early termination to Lessee due to failure to comply with applicable laws.

12. Walver. Failure of either party hereto to exercise any right hereunder is not a waiver of such party's right. Waiver of any of the provisions of this Lease shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision. No waiver is binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

13. Remedies. In the event that AGUA defaults in the performance of any of its obligations under this Lease or otherwise breaches this Lease, Lessee's sole remedy shall be to terminate this Lease and Lessee shall be entitled to a refund for leased water paid for but not delivered by AGUA. In the event of litigation, the prevailing party will be entitled to its litigation costs, including reasonable attorney's fees.

14. Complete Lease. This Lease contains the complete and entire agreement between the parties regarding the transaction contemplated herein. This Lease may only be modified or renewed except by a further agreement in writing.

15. Notices. Any notice required under the terms of this Lease shall be given in writing and shall be effective upon delivery to the registered agent on file with the Colorado Secretary of State or to AGUA's manager at AGUA's office (a) by hand; (b) by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (c) by email to the undersigned if the recipient provides to the sender written or electronic confirmation of receipt.

16. Governing law. This Lease will be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado in all respects, and venue for any dispute shall be the District Court for Pueblo County, Colorado.

17. Captions and headings. The captions and headings in this Lease are for convenience of reference only, and will not be used to interpret, define, or limit its provisions.

18. Lease not to be construed against the drafter. In the event of an ambiguity in this Lease, the rule of construction that ambiguities will be construed against the drafter is inapplicable, and the parties hereto are to be treated as equals.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed as of the date first written above.

ARKANSAS GROUNDWATER USERS

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USERS ASSOCIATION.

By/ **General Manager** Anstructor LESSEE: A'2S ATTEST: _____

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By____ Secretary











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