



COLORADO
**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 6, 2021

Rudolph Fontanari
3316 ¾ Road, Rt. 1
Clifton, CO 81520

***RE: Western Slope Flagstone Quarry No. 2, Permit No. M-1996-076, Acreage Reduction (AR-1),
Approval***

Dear Mr. Fontanari:

On November 18, 2020 the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received your Acreage Reduction Request (AR-1), which was considered filed on November 20, 2020.

AR-1 was submitted in response to Board Order MV-2020-023, which had an effective date on October 27, 2020. Corrective Action #1 of MV-2020-023 required the Operator to

“Within thirty days of the effective date of this Order, the Operator shall submit a written plan and gain approval to either: a) remove all water distribution lines, risers and grade ditches used to convey water associated with the middle field within the permit boundary; or b) remove the irrigated portion of the middle field from the mine permit boundary;”

The Operator elected for option “B”, to request release of the 3.17 acres known as the middle field. The decision due date was extended several times to address adequacies with the revised Mining and Reclamation Plan maps. On April 1, 2021 the Division received said maps which accurately depict the proposed permit boundary and meet the requirements of the Act and Rules. A site inspection was not conducted. On April 2, 2021, the Division approved your request for release of a portion of the permit area from further reclamation responsibility.

The permit was reduced from 141.92 acres to 138.75 acres.

Please note you are still liable for filing annual reports and fees and maintaining the financial warranty in good standing.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us



Sincerely,

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

Amy Yeldell

Environmental Protection Specialist

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Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS

Scott Schultz, AGO

John Henderson, Operators Counsel