

Response to Reclamation Permit Application Amendment Consideration

DATE:	April 7, 2021
то:	Eric C. Scott, Environmental Protection Specialist
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RE:	Nix Sand and Gravel Mine, File No. M-2001-046, AM-1 Operator: Ready Mixed Concrete Company, (303) 853-5159 Contact: Joe Lamanna, Ready Mixed Concrete company (720) 282-2344 Sec. 28, Twp. 3 North, Rng. 67 West, 6th P.M., Weld County

**COMMENTS:** The applicant has requested to increase the mining and reclamation plan by approximately 149.7 acres (known as Cell 3) already included within the 307.2 permitted acres for Nix Sand and Gravel Mine, DRMS Permit No. M-2001-046. This amendment increases the reserves of gravel in the mine. The proposed operation will consume ground water through evaporation, dust control, reclamation, water removed with the mined product, processing, dewatering and slurry wall construction. Prior to the initiation of these uses of ground water, the applicant will need to obtain either a gravel pit or other type of well permit, as applicable. However, prior to obtaining a permit, an approved water supply plan or decreed plan for augmentation is required.

Prior to approving a well permit, the applicant must conduct a field inspection of the site and document the locations of all wells within 600 feet of the permit area. The applicant must then obtain a waiver of objection from all well owners with wells within 600 feet of the permit area or request a hearing before the State Engineer.

So long as the Nix Gravel Mine is operated in accordance with an approved SWSP or approved plan for augmentation, this office has no objection to the request.

Any storm water runoff intercepted by this operation that is not diverted or captured in priority must infiltrate into the ground or be released to the stream system within 72 hours. Otherwise, the operator will be required to make replacements for evaporation.

The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

