

April 20, 2021

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Re: Big R Pit, Permit No. M-1988-052, Status of Required Corrective Actions

Mr. Mocevic:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is providing the following status update on the corrective actions required by the inspection report mailed on February 5, 2021:

## **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Financial Warranty

**PROBLEM #1:** The financial warranty is not adequate to reclaim the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. This is a failure to maintain the proper financial warranty amount to complete reclamation of the affected lands pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-117(4)(b) and Rule 4.2.1(1). **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The Division has re-evaluated the required financial warranty for reclaiming the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan (see enclosed bond estimate). Any comments regarding the Division's bond estimate and/or evidence demonstrating reclamation work has been completed shall be submitted by the corrective action date. If, by the corrective action date, no comments or additional information has been received, a notice of surety increase will be mailed to the operator for the amount shown in the enclosed bond estimate. The operator will have 60 days from the date on the surety increase notice to post the additional financial warranty.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** April 20, 2021

STATUS UPDATE: On April 20, 2021, the operator submitted a corrective action response confirming their acceptance of the Division's bond estimate included with the February 5, 2021 inspection report. On the same date, the Division issued a notice of surety increase (SI-02) for the amount calculated in the bond estimate. Therefore, this issue will continue to be followed through the surety increase process, and the problem is considered abated at this time.

## **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Reclamation Success

**PROBLEM #2:** The operator has not completed reclamation of the site within five (5) years from the date that mining activities ceased at the site, as required by Rule 3.1.3 and C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(q)(I). **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** By the corrective action date, the operator shall submit a timeline for completing reclamation at the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. The expectation is that all required earthwork and initial seeding/planting will be completed within the calendar year. **CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** April 20, 2021



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**STATUS UPDATE:** On April 20, 2021, the operator submitted a corrective action response stating the site is not in final reclamation and that mining activities are expected to resume at the site this year. Therefore, this problem is considered abated at this time.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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