

1313 Sherman St. Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

November 22, 2021

Dale and Ellen Schmidt 472 Meadows Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Re: Schmidt Site, Permit No. M-2011-014, Release Request Approval Letter

Mr. Schmidt:

On September 19, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request for the Full and Final Release of reclamation responsibility for the above listed site. Based on the observations made during the November 16, 2021 Inspection, Division Staff has determined the Operator has successfully completed reclamation of the site in accordance with the Act, Rules and Regulations and the Approved Reclamation Plan. Therefore on November 22, 2021 the Division has **approved** your release request and you are hereby released of any further reclamation liability.

According to Rule 1.4.11(1)(b), the Division must wait 30 days from the date of this letter before releasing the Financial Warranty, in order to address any comments or objections to this decision. After January 5, 2022 please contact Sara Stevenson-Benn at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us. Sincerely,

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Lucas J. West Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures

cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist Sara M. Stevenson-Benn, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

