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**Re: City of Golden, Empire Pit No. M-1977-534**  
**Technical Revision No. 4 (TR-04)**

**Reclamation of Guanella Reservoir**

Dear Glenda and Sally:

This letter is to inform you that the City of Golden has requested that I respond to your proposals regarding reclamation and other issues. Your misgivings about my involvement are misplaced. It is the intention of the City of Golden to wrap up any ongoing disputes and bring this matter to a close as requested by Dr. Brown. The problem from the City's perspective is that you keep sending mixed signals on what you want or what you think is required under the Reclamation Permit. I have been retained to bring some perspective to those claims.

As you will recall, the City of Golden project was to expand the reservoir site faster than would have been accomplished by simply mining the site at its then current pace. You were compensated for this taking. The City also agreed to reclamation made necessary by its project. Where we seem to have parted ways are disagreements over unrelated reclamation requests or issues raised by the use of the site by others.

It is our goal to reach a reasonable and final agreement on any outstanding issues. This does not require lengthy face to face negotiations. Nor is it productive to "bid" with excessive claims in the hope to settle for something less. That kind of negotiating might work between two private parties but here, for a project like a public reservoir owned and operated by a City, it tends to be counter productive.

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It is the City's intention to send you a list of items it will do and ask you to approve that list as the final effort to resolve any dispute. If you have counsel, please share this letter with them and ask that they contact me.

Sincerely,

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