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Two Rivers Objection Letters

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Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:48 PM

To: Garrett Varra <gvarra@varracompanies.com>, Garrett Varra <gvarra@raptormaterialsllc.com>, Brad Jones <bjones@varracompanies.com>, Brad Jones <bjones@raptormaterialsllc.com>

Garrett and Brad -

Please see the attached letter.

I have to leave work by 3:50 pm today. If you have questions for me, let's talk next week.

Take care,
Rob

Rob Zuber, P.E.
Environmental Protection Specialist
Active Mines Regulatory Program



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Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

I am working remotely and can be reached by cell at 720.601.2276.

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June 3, 2022

Garrett Varra
Varra Companies, Inc.
8120 Gage Street
Frederick, CO 80516

**RE: Two Rivers Sand, Gravel, and Reservoir Project application, File No. M-2022-013,
112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application,
Notice of Comment and Objection Letters Received**

Mr. Varra:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has received timely comment and objection letters for the Two Rivers Sand, Gravel, and Reservoir Project application, File No. M-2022-013. These letters were received within the public comment period, which closed on June 2, 2022. Because a timely objection has been filed, pursuant to Rule 1.4.9(2)(a), the Division shall schedule the permit application for a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board). Notice of the Board hearing will be sent once it is scheduled.

Authors of objections and comments, received 31 May 2022 through 2 June 2022
(objections unless otherwise noted)

- Conner, Kathryn
- Ellins, Brad
- Holman, Debra
- Humphries, William
- Mackessy, Stephen
- Montville, Paul (PDC)
- Olmsted, Catherine
- Olmsted, Charles (objection and comment)
- Seader, Bridget (comment)
- Speck, Paul.

Copies of the letters received are enclosed for your records. Please inform the Division of how the applicant intends to address the jurisdictional issues raised by objectors. This information can be submitted during the adequacy review process.



If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 720-601-2276 or by email at rob.zuber@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob D. Zuber".

Rob Zuber
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures: Objections and comments received

Cc: Brad Janes, Varra Companies, Inc.
Michael Cunningham, DRMS

Permitting Action Comment OR Objection



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Date of Comment or Objection

05/31/2022

***** *Indicates a Required Field*

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Comment or Objection *

- ☒ Objection
- ☐ Support
- ☐ General Comment
- ☐ Agency Comment

Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Kathryn

Your Last Name *

Conner

Your Address *

5431 West 54th St Rd

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

conner.kathryn1@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9703962849

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

Used only to follow up.

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

- ☐ Land Owner of affected land
- ☐ Mineral Owner
- ☐ Adjacent Land Owner
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Comment/Objection Narrative *

My name is Kathryn Conner. I live at 5431 54th St Rd. I live in one of the original homes built out here back in the 1960s. It was previously owned by my husband's grandparents who raised their family out here and who both passed away 5 and 6 years ago. Now I live here with my husband, my two daughters and our two dogs. We enjoy the quiet of this neighborhood and are out on the roads biking, running, dog walking, or scootering most days of the week. It is a beautiful neighborhood that for the most part has not been negatively impacted by the development surrounding us in and around Greeley. However, already it has been a challenge walking along 54th St Rd, due to the fast cars and trucks and the fact that we don't have a shoulder or a sidewalk to walk on. We try to stay to the side as much as we can but it causes me great anxiety when large trucks come barreling down the road past me as I walk with my dogs and two young daughters. We enjoy our walks and we enjoy looking at the scenery and the wildlife. I fear that if the proposed gravel pit brings more traffic to 54th St Rd (especially truck traffic) that it will become unsafe to use our road for recreational use.

I am also concerned with the lack of notice that our community received about the proposed project. The signs were only posted on the dirt road but none were on 54th St Rd. If the traffic from this project effects our neighborhood, we should have all been notified whether we live within 200 feet of the project or not. Clearly, all of us who live on 54th St Rd will be impacted by major truck traffic. The noise will be one thing but also more big trucks driving down the road will make it less and less accessible for biking, jogging, dog walking, scootering, etc. And for that reason, I think the plans should have been shared with all of us who will be negatively impacted. I hope that the Verra Corporation will take this into consideration and structure the development so that the traffic does not impact 54th St Rd.

Thank you for your time.

Permit Number *

Enter valid letter and then numbers, for example M1977999, M1999777UG or C1981201.

M2022013

Permitting Action Type

Select revision type or leave blank if comment pertains to a new permit application or NOI

Permit Type

County *

Weld

Enter one county only

Site Name

Two rivers sand gravel and reservoir project

Permittee/Operator Name

Verra corporation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

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06/02/2022

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Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Brad

Your Last Name *

Ellins

Your Address *

5311 54th St Rd

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

b_ellins@hotmail.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9705185881

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

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We did see the large notification sign along 396 once when we went for a drive, but never saw any signs along 54th St Rd indicating that the operation was going to extend into our neighborhood. Evidently, at a later date, the large sign was taken down and very small signs were posted around the property that are unable to be read from the road unless you walk right up to them. We feel we were not given timely notice nor full information on how we might be impacted by this change of use from agricultural to commercial/industrial.

Permit Number *

Enter valid letter and then numbers, for example M1977999, M1999777UG or C1981201.

M2022013

Permitting Action Type

Select revision type or leave blank if comment pertains to a new permit application or NOI

Permit Type

Reclamation

County *

Weld

Enter one county only

Site Name

Varra Gravel Pits Rd 396

Permittee/Operator Name

Varra Companies, Inc.

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Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Debra

Your Last Name *

Holman

Your Address *

35 Arado Way

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

debra.k.holman@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9703819560

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

Used only to follow up.

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

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According to Colorado law, the Board of Commissioners can require that the company seeking permitting for a sand/gravel operation mail a copy of the notice on the application for permitting to owners of record who might be affected by the proposed mining operation. Since the Board designates such owners during its review process, I can only believe the Weld County Board of Commissioners has failed in their duties to consider the interests of the residents whom they themselves represent. Specifically, there are many landowners--a complete subdivision (i.e., Dos Rios)--with high-valued homes and property within less than a 1-mile radius of this proposed project's sorting facility. Yet, notification was limited to postings in the local newspaper and along fence lines in areas 2-3 miles from where the actual sorting facility will be located. This lack of due diligence on the review, identification of affected parties, and appropriate notification of those parties calls the entire permitting action into question. Further, in that the confluence of the South Platte and Big Thompson Rivers occurs within approximately 1 mile of the mining location itself, the flow of those rivers and maintenance of the existing conservation easement adjacent to the confluence will be impacted. It is unclear whether review of the proposal to consider regulatory oversight needed by the Colorado Division of Water Resources, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment' Water Quality Control Division, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and other entities (e.g., agricultural interests with contracts for water delivery through relate ditch systems and the conservation easement holder) has taken place. In summary, this permitting process appears to be rushed without appropriate oversight and multiple levels and a failure of elected and appointed representatives to take into account effects on residents and on the river systems associated with this proposal.

Permit Number *

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Permitting Action Type

Select revision type or leave blank if comment pertains to a new permit application or NOI

Permit Type

County *

Weld

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Site Name

Permittee/Operator Name

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

william

Your Last Name *

Humphries

Your Address *

3 Dos Rios

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

breeze@frii.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9703246053

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

Used only to follow up.

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

- ☐ Land Owner of affected land
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I heard about this proposal less than 24 hours ago from a neighbor. I can see the property from mine; it seems as if someone is trying to ramrod a project through without the knowledge of affected individuals. This is a rural residential neighborhood; 54th St Rd is heavily used by the residents not only for traffic but also for recreation such as walking and nature study. My wife is unsteady enough on her feet as is; a heavy truck passing her on the road while she is walking could very well cause injury.

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- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Stephen

Your Last Name *

Mackessy

Your Address *

35 Arado Way

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

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80634

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cerrophidion@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

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970-590-82

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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Select all that apply

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☒ Concerned Citizen

☒ Other Professional biologist

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PLEASE NOTE - I did not have the correct permit number earlier.

Nearby affected landowners were not notified in a timely fashion. This operation will negatively affect resale value of numerous homes in a region that required strict building regulations. Due process of informing us was not followed. Additionally, there are several gravel/sand quarries within 10-15 miles of this proposed location, so the need for another is uncertain and unnecessary. Finally, this quarry will greatly disturb wildlife and flora in this area, including threatened species such as Bald Eagles and other protected species, including White Pelicans and many others. I urge you to reconsider this unnecessary proposal and deny permission to irreparably damage this important wildlife corridor.

Permit Number *

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- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Paul

Your Last Name *

Montville

Your Address *

6000 Burlington Avenue

Your Address 2

Your City *

Evans

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80620

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

paul.montville@pdce.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9704597766

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

Used only to follow up.

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

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Colorado Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Re: File# M-2022-013
Varra Companies, Inc.
Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project
Notice To Adjacent Surface Owner of Record

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project covering Varra Companies' (the "Applicant") proposed Regular Impact (112) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit Application ("Application") covering the captioned lands shown on Applicant's Exhibit C-1: Existing Conditions Map ("Property"), PDC Energy, Inc., as an owner of existing oil and gas development structures within the Property and oil and gas leasehold interests on the Property, has interest in maintaining the current surface conditions of the Property to avoid damage and/or loss of access to our infrastructure within or interference with our ability to develop and/or produce from our oil and gas leasehold interests. PDC is attempting discussions with the Applicant but, to date, has not yet developed or finalized an agreement with the Applicant.

PDC respectfully requests assurance from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety that this project will not cause harm or interruption to our operations on the Property. Until this matter is resolved by agreement with the Applicant, PDC objects to the Application and, absent an agreement, PDC is not waiving and hereby reserves its rights as a leasehold mineral rights owner with respect to the Property. Any approval of the proposed application must be conditioned upon the preservation of PDC's rights in the Property.

PDC respectfully requests that this objection be entered into the record for the proposed Application and that we continue to be provided with advanced notice of all other hearings affecting the Property and Application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (970)506-9272

Sincerely,

PDC Energy, Inc.

Paul Montville
Senior Surface Land Negotiator

Permit Number *

Enter valid letter and then numbers, for example M1977999, M1999777UG or C1981201.
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Permit Type

Regular Impact (112) Construction Materials Operation
Reclamation Permit

County *

Weld

Enter one county only

Site Name

Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project

Permittee/Operator Name

Varra Companies, Inc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Upload Supporting Documents

Maximum of 5 files can be uploaded and each file size must be 10mb and under. PDF, JPG, and PNG formats only.

Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Objection.pdf

615.45KB

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4000 Burlington Avenue
Evans, CO 80620
Phone: (970)-506-9272
www.pdce.com

June 2, 2022

Delivered Via:
Electronic Submission/Webform

Colorado Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

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Sincerely,

PDC Energy, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Montville", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Montville
Senior Surface Land Negotiator

cc: Tim Canon-PDC Energy, Inc.
Brian DeRose-PDC Energy, Inc.
Garrett Varra – Varra Companies, Inc.

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Contact Type *

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- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Catherine

Your Last Name *

Olmsted

Your Address *

5200 54th STREET RD

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

colmsted58@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

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9705061085

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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9703811373

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

- ☐ Land Owner of affected land
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Comment/Objection Narrative *

I am a resident of the Dos Rios subdivision that will be directly impacted by the proposed development by Varra Companies' Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project, File # M2022013.

I have several concerns with the application submitted for review.

Our Dos Rios neighbors – whose property is approximately thirty feet across the road from the proposed property development – were not notified directly but learned about it by happenstance. Once our neighbors alerted us, we contacted Mr. Janes who kindly provided my husband with a copy of the application. Mr. Varra responded to our calls and plans to meet with us – after the deadline date. I am at a loss as to why they did not contact us before submitting the proposal to the Division of Reclamation or include us directly in the notification process so that we could all reach an understanding of the needs of Mr. Varra and the people who live here. Ever since Weld County decided to pave the road in the flood plain of the Big Thompson and South Platte Rivers, our quiet roadway has become a raceway. There is one posted notice by Mr. Varra on the south side of 54th Street Road where anyone driving eastbound would be focused on the upcoming curves in the road, oncoming vehicles, and impatient vehicles passing – across the double-yellow line – those of us who drive the 30-mph posted speed limit. Driving westbound, an upcoming hill keeps the attention of the driver on the road for the same reasons noted above. The notice is set at the entry to the silage pits where unwanted trash and furniture are periodically left at night-time by residents not from this area. What neighbor would have thought this notice was anything other than a “no dumping” notice? Other than pulling into the private property's entryway where vehicle tires are piled, there is no safe place to pull over along the roadside to read a notice as the road drops off steeply on both sides. Several notices were posted along unpaved WCR 396 where few drivers go. These notices are bound by a zip-tie around property posts. A relatively flimsy single white piece of paper with black text is insufficient to capture the attention of those of us who live here and drive frequently along this road. There is no posting date or deadline date noted on this notice.

The Legal Notices section of the Greeley Tribune had posted four notices. Although they specify the location by legal description, there is no common language to indicate that it would be on the south side of 54th Street Road between 65th Avenue and WCR 396 across from our Dos Rios subdivision. What would have alerted any of our few neighborhood readers of the often-undelivered Tribune paper to understand that this proposed development was either pending or was to be right next door?

I ask that the permit process be delayed until all the impacted neighbors – over forty homes in the only neighborhood in the area – be notified by and meet with Mr. Varra and have a chance to express our concerns over the projected placement of this industrial processing area that will no doubt create problems that the Division of Reclamation says is beyond the scope of the application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Catherine M. Olmsted

Permit Number *

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M2022013

Permitting Action Type

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Permit Type**County ***

Weld

Enter one county only

Site Name

Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project

Permittee/Operator Name

Garrett C. Varra

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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- ☒ Objection
- ☐ Support
- ☐ General Comment
- ☐ Agency Comment

Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Charles

Your Last Name *

Olmsted

Your Address *

5200 54th Street Road

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80634

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

charles.olmsted@bears.unco.edu

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up.

9705061085

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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9703028674

Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

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Comment/Objection Narrative *

I oppose granting the requested permit as a 22 year resident of nearby property. The usage is not compatible with the existing land uses of adjacent properties. Many of the local residents moved to this area to be surrounded by peaceful rural landscapes for the enjoyment of quiet beauty provided by natural and/or most agricultural usage. The proposed activity (mining, processing, sorting, stockpiling and selling aggregate construction materials is an industrial activity that brings with it potential problems of noise, fugitive dust, increased traffic, etc.. These interruptions of the neighborhood are likely to persist for several decades according to the permit application if it is granted. These activities are to be sited according to the permit application immediately adjacent to 54th Street Road which is the main route used by the local residents to access their homes and property. I recently drove past a similar project operated by the applicant for this permit located on East 16th Street in Greeley. The scale house is located about a ¼ mile north of East 16th Street and the majority of the current processing and stockpiling appears to be about ½ mile north of the street. The south side of that street is occupied by Greeley's Linn Grove Cemetery and most of the long term occupants are unlikely to complain about the distantly located activities across the street or increased traffic created by the adjacent industrial operation.

Please do not grant the permit in its current configuration. I recognize the rights of personal property development and use but it is also important not to constrain, limit or damage the similar rights of neighbors. An extensive redesign of the proposed use could avoid or limit this possibility.

Permit Number *

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Permit Type

Construction Materials Regular (112) Operation Reclamation

County *

Weld

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Site Name

Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project

Permittee/Operator Name

Varra Companies, Inc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Contact Type *

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- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Charles

Your Last Name *

Olmsted

Your Address *

5200 54th Street Road

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

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I am concerned about the lack of information that has been easily or generally available concerning the proposed project. Portions of the property had a total of ten (10) posted notices along the fences on both sides of CR 396 adjacent to the affected properties. These notices consisted of a legal size sheet of paper with printing on one side reinforced and waterproofed with thin clear plastic that were zip-tied and stapled to supporting wood posts that carried the fencing material. CR 396 is a rarely used farm-market road and has few travelers that might be affected by the project. 54th Street Road abuts the north margin of most of the proposed project and which carries much more traffic by people who might be affected by the project had only one (1) posted notice of the proposed activities. That single notice was folded by the wind and located at a site where the attention of travelers would be focused away from the spot by potential traffic hazards (heading east by upcoming curves to the left and heading west by the crest of a hill to the right). These people, including one whose property is immediately north of 54th Street Road and opposite the wash pond indicated in the application's maps, also had no direct communication by the applicants of what was about to be permitted in their neighborhood. The Greeley Tribune was where the legal notices of the permit application were printed without reference to the need to comment in a timely fashion and with misleading information about how to review the proposal. I was referred to the Weld County Clerk who told me I should ask the City of Evans about it. They informed my neighbors that they had received no information about the project. It appears that the regulatory niceties were complied with in a manner that almost guaranteed that the application could proceed without questioning, objection or demurrer to the agency reviewing the application.

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Site Name

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Permittee/Operator Name

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This site is the location of a proposed construction materials operation. Varra Companies, Inc. whose address and phone number is 8120 Gage Street - Frederick, CO 80516 Telephone (303) 666-6657, has applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the Weld County Clerk to the Board's Office at 1150 'O' Street, Greeley, Colorado 80632, and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining & Safety, Office of Mined Land Reclamation - 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 - Denver, CO 80203.



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Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

Bridget

Your Last Name *

Seader

Your Address *

41 Caballo Trail

Your Address 2

Your City *

Greeley

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

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Email Address *

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bseader45@yahoo.com

Your Phone Number *

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9705906057

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

Select all that apply

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Comment/Objection Narrative *

I was just made aware of the Verra Corporation's intent to build a gravel pit South and West of 54th Street Road here in Weld County. As a resident along this road and in the Dos Rios neighborhood/subdivision, I find it concerning that we weren't previously notified of this proposal via mail. With the deadline upon us here, I would just express my concern as to the increased traffic (trucks?) and noise this business will create on a rural road with wildlife—many wild turkeys, deer, guineas, etc. and would disrupt their roaming patterns, as well as the residents living in a peaceful neighborhood along and by this road.

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Permit Type**County ***

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Site Name

Two Rivers Sand Gravel and Reservoir Project

Permittee/Operator Name

The Verra Corporation, Inc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- ☐ Agency
- ☐ Attorney

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Your First Name *

Paul

Your Last Name *

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Your Address *

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Your Address 2

Your City *

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Email Address *

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speckofearth@msn.com

Your Phone Number *

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9703962122

Extension**Alternate Phone Number**

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Alternate Phone Extension**Connection to Operation ***

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In accordance with Title 34 Article 32.5 - 115 (7) (a) & (c), the application should be denied for being ... "incomplete" and or "contrary to the laws or regulations of this article" ; This denial should be made due to insufficient proof of notification and or failure to notify ... " the owners of record of all land surface within two hundred feet of the affected lands" Said notification and proof of notification is required per Title 34 - 32.5 - 112 (9) (c) . If this requirement has not been fully met; the application must be denied accordingly .

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Permit Type

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County *

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Site Name

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Permittee/Operator Name

Varra

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