



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

June 8, 2022

Andy Azacarraga
M.A. Concrete Construction, Inc.
2323 River Road
Grand Junction, CO 81505

RE: 32.5 Road Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-2009-035, Proposed bond calculation #2

Dear Mr. Azacarraga:

On March 31, 2022 the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received your preliminary response to the Division's December 22, 2021 bond calculation. Based on the information provided the Division would like clarification on the following points.

1. Does the Operator accept the inputs figures used for remaining reclamation of the North pit? If not provide the linear feet length and slope grade of the current slopes grades. Clarify if any areas need to be ripped for decompaction or if areas have been topsoiled and seeded (in acres).
2. With regards to task 03a, application of gravel to the line ponds. The response indicated that up to 250 CY of material is yet to be placed. Does that mean that the rest of the pond (19,725 CY) has already been placed? Clarify what areas have had 6" of gravel placed. Alternatively omitting this requirement in its entirety has been mentioned. Provide an ETA of when that determination will be made.
3. A unit cost for gravel was provided in regards to task 03a. The Divisions cost did not include purchasing the gravel as it was assumed that material would be sourced on site. Only the cost for moving the material throughout the pit was calculated. That being said the unit cost of a material is fixed. Only the actual volume of material being moved can be adjusted. The Division acknowledges that many operators can do work or get material from cheaper suppliers however the Division has to use the unit cost obtained from the CAT and RS Means Handbooks.
4. Has the settling pond (task 04a) been reclaimed or is it included within the greater south pit figures provided?
5. Does the Operator accept the inputs figures used for remaining reclamation of the South pit, with regards to the acres to be topsoiled, ripped and seeded? If not provide the acreages of areas needing to be ripped for decompaction, topsoiled and seeded.



Note that the Division can only change input figures and unit costs are fixed based on the RS Means and CAT handbook. Please provide feedback/responses to the Divisions by July 1, 2022. If no feedback is provided the Division will issue a Notice of Surety Increase at the proposed amount of \$13,677 for a total bond amount of \$87,765 to be held. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Amy Yeldell

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS