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Mr. Peter S. Hays
Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Empire Pit
Reclamation Permit No. M-1977-534

Dear Mr. Hays,

The City of Golden is in receipt of the memo prepared by Mr. Larry Brown regarding reclamation at the above referenced property.

We do not entirely agree with Mr. Brown's findings or his characterization of the requirements in the permit. Nonetheless, Golden shares the property owner's interest in completing reclamation on the property and releasing the permit so that they can make full use of the land. The city is hopeful that the additional reclamation work completed earlier this year will make permit release possible. We are not requesting permit release at this time, since the success of those efforts is not yet known.

Golden is committed to continuing to work with the property owners and will continue to solicit their input regarding our reclamation activities at the site.

Thank you for the opportunity to review Mr. Brown's memo. Please contact me at abeierle@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8153 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Anne Beierle, Director
Public Works Department
City of Golden