



January 6, 2023

Mary Ann Gaston
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Norwood, CO 81423

Re: Information Request, Skelton Pit, Permit No. M-2022-019

Dear Ms. Gaston,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has reviewed your inquiry regarding the Skelton Pit, Permit No. M-2022-019 located in San Miguel County. The Division received the application on April 25, 2022 and considered it complete for the purposes of filing on May 2, 2022. Notices regarding the application were promptly sent and posted at the site in accordance with Minerals Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials Rule 1.6.2. Additionally, the proper notice was published in the Norwood Post on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 2022 and the Public Comment Period closed on June 23, 2022 as specified in Rule 1.7.1(2)(a). During the public comment period, no objections to the application were received. The Division concluded its review of the application and found the applicant to have met the minimum requirements of the Act (C.R.S 34-32.5) and the Construction Materials Rules. Therefore, Division staff rendered the decision to approve the application on September 19, 2022. The appeal period for that decision per statute expired on October 23, 2022.

There appears to be some confusion and misunderstanding as to notice requirements. To be clear, your inquiry was specifically for an amendment to an adjacent site, The United / Norwood Pit, Permit No. M-1988-037. The Division did not receive, nor is there currently, an amendment for the United / Norwood Pit permit, which is immediately adjacent to your property.

With regards to your concerns related to the possible impacts to the prevailing hydrologic balance caused by the adjacent United/Norwood Pit, Permit No. M-1988-037 that matter is considered closed. Division staff received and reviewed a technical report from the Operator along with the well completion report provided by you. No other data or technical reports were received. Staff determined that, at this time, there appears to be no clear evidence of hydrologic communication between the operation and your water well production zone.



Through multiple phone and email correspondence, Division staff has conveyed our position on the matter, most notably in the Division's Inspection Report for the United/Norwood Pit dated July 7, 2022 as well as the follow up email correspondence sent to you on July 11, 2022. All other requested information is part of the public file on the DRMS Webpage for which you were given the link: <https://drms.colorado.gov/data-search>

If you have any questions or further concerns regarding this correspondence please contact me in writing or email at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Email contact may be made at lucas.west@state.co.us. Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



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