



March 8, 2023

Kent Ricken  
Colorado Water Protective and Development Association  
205 South Main Street  
Fowler, CO 81039

**RE: Citizen Complaint Resolution Notice, Pueblo East Pit, M-1986-015, CT-2**

Dear Mr. Ricken,

On March 2, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) received correspondence regarding the resolution of citizen complaint (CT-2) filed against the Pueblo East Pit on February 6, 2023. The correspondence was between the Operator (Colorado Water Protective and Development Association/CWPDA), a representative of Castle Aggregates, and the Division.

CWPDA and Castle Aggregates determined the cause of the issue was due to a water delivery mistake, resulting in the Chee family not having water in their cistern. CWPDA and Castle Aggregates worked to refill the cistern and to get the Chee family's well operational. A new meter was reported to be installed, and the water commissioner was contacted to remove the Well Head Order so that the Chee family will be able to use the well on their property moving forward. On March 1, 2023, the Well Head Order was reported to have been removed. As of March 8, 2023, the well has been reported to be turned on and fully operational.

The Division investigated the ground water data provided by CWPDA for the Pueblo East Pit and determined that ground water in the Chee family's area has returned to pre-mining levels. The Division also reached out to the Chee family and confirmed on March 10, 2023 that their well is operational and that the problem has been resolved.

The Division has declared CT-2: **resolved**.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567 x8137, 720-836-0967, or by email at [amber.michels@state.co.us](mailto:amber.michels@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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