

April 10, 2023

Jason Burkey Oldcastle Southwest Group, Inc. dba United Companies 2273 River Road Grand Junction, CO 81505

Re: Cottonwood Pass Pit - File No. M-2017-014 Oldcastle Southwest Group, Inc. dba United Companies Surety Release Request (SL-1)

Dear Jason Burkey:

On April 10, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on June 27, 2022, addressing the following:

Release of performance and financial warranties, and release from further reclamation responsibility.

This site is released in its entirety. You should advise the issuer of your bond of this release by copy of this letter. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warrant(ies) on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8188, or by email at Dustin.czapla@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dustin M. Czapla Environmental Protection Specialist

