



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

June 20, 2023

Jason Eckman  
Caerus Cross Timbers, LLC  
143 Diamond Ave  
Parachute, CO 81635

**RE: Colony Shale Oil Project, Permit No. M-1980-047, Request for Financial Warranty Update**

Dear Mr. Eckman:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is required pursuant to Rule 4.2.1(1) to ensure that all Financial Warranties shall be set and maintained at a level which reflects the actual cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Division has not performed its own independent reclamation cost estimate in a number of years. The last bonding figures were provided by the Operator in 2017 for a Surety Reduction (SR-1). Per Rule 4.2.1(2), given the extensive and complex nature of the reclamation bond for this site, the Division is requesting that Caerus Cross Timbers, LLC (Caerus) conduct a thorough review of the information provided under Exhibit L - Reclamation Costs and provide an update consisting of all remaining reclamation tasks. As well as an itemized unit costs utilized by Caerus in their calculations.

The information provided shall fully address the requirements of Rule 6.4.12. Once received the Division will review the updated information provided by Caerus and utilize it as a basis to adjust the financial warranty as appropriate as required by Rule 4.2.1(3). Therefore the Division is formally requesting that Caerus submit the updated reclamation task/ cost estimating information to the Division for it's receive within 90 days of this letter, **Monday, September 18, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or amy.yeldell@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell  
Environmental Protection Specialist

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