

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

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## RE: Two Rivers, Permit No. M-1998-038, Technical Revision (TR-7), Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Ms. Schreiber:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (§ § 34-32.5-101-34-32.5-125) (Act) and the Rules and Regulations for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issues of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval:

- 1. A revision to the mining plan and mining plan map is required. The mining plan must provide the following details pertaining to the proposed increase in affected acres from 99 acres to 150 acres, at minimum:
  - a. The approved mining plan and mining plan map for the Two Rivers site states that the 'average size of the area to be worked will not exceed the areas indicated by each phase'. However, according to the approved permit and subsequent revisions, there are discrepancies regarding how phasing will be conducted and discrepancies regarding the planned total affected acreage.
    - i. Attached is a copy of the originally approved mining plan map. The area highlighted in yellow is not approved to be affected by mining at this time. If the 150 acres requested to be affected via TR-7 is within this new area, the permittee must instead submit an amendment application pursuant to Rule 1.1(6).
    - ii. If the proposed increase in affected acres is instead pertaining to an increase in the maximum allowed affected acres at any one time within the area approved to be mined, please submit an update to the mining plan that indicates how the operation is to be phased, or if phasing is to be discarded.
    - iii. Additionally, please submit an updated mining plan map that illustrates the area to be affected by mining. Also, please update the current phasing plans or illustrate that the affected land is equivalent to the maximum allowed to be affected at any one time if that is your intention.
- 2. A revision to the mining plan and reclamation plan is required. The mining plan and reclamation



plan must provide the following details pertaining to the proposed inclusion of the presence of highwalls on-site, at minimum:

- a. Please provide a maximum height and length for the highwall for any given time period during the life of the permit.
  - i. \*As a reminder, the approved plan states that the area to be mined will be from 0-30 feet deep. Additionally, the approved mining plan states that mining will stay a minimum of 18" above the groundwater table and test holes will be dug in areas before affecting them to ensure this.
- b. Please update the reclamation plan to include a description of how the highwalls will be reclaimed.

<u>Be sure to update mining plan narrative, mining plan map, reclamation plan narrative, and any other</u> exhibits affected by these changes pursuant to Rule 6.4.

The Division is required to issue a decision on **August 4, 2023**. Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) <u>at least three days prior</u> to the decision date in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by this date, please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review materials. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me via email at <u>amber.michels@state.co.us</u> or by telephone at (720) 836-0967.

Sincerely,

Amber Michels Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Originally Approved Mine Plan Map

Ec: Jared Ebert, Senior EPS, DRMS



## MINED PHASED AREAS

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ALL SLOPES WILL BE MINED AT A 3:1 FROM EXISTING GROUND. NO HIGHWALLS WILL EXIST. THE BOTTOM OF PIT WILL BE AT APPROXIMATE 1% GRADIENT TO THE EXISTING NATURAL DRAINAGE.

PHASE 1,233 IS APPECKIMENTELY 154 ACRES

RECLAMATION

600

NOTES

- 1. PROPOSED POST LAND USE RANGELAND
- 2. ENTERIOR SLOPES GRADED TO SMOOTH TRANSITION.
- 3. FINISH SLOPES TO BE GROOFD TO 3:1 OR FLATTER.
- 4. SEEDING, MULCHING AND FERTILIZE PER RECLAMETICAN STATEMENT

1200

1= 600'

1800

\* FERKES ARE OWNED BY CARL PANTALES

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