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Everhart Pit M-1997-081

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Hello Amber: Thank you for the phone call today and explaining to me what is required. I have submitted the letter and requested a 45 day extension. We did discuss that I request a 30 day extension but if we need to investigate the groundwater table we may need to obtain a consultant to do this for us.

Feel free to contact me if you need additional information from us.

Thank you,



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August 10, 2023

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RE: M-1997-081 Everhart Pit

Dear Ms. Amber Michels:

Thank you for the extension you granted us to continue working on correcting the items outlined in the inspection report received June 20, 2023. We have been working on a couple items and have corrected the following (our comments in blue):

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall provide photo documentation to the Division verifying erosion gullies and ruts have been repaired, and that the site has have been reconstructed and stabilized to prevent erosion damage by the corrective action date.

Attached you will find Exhibit 1 which has photographs of the area which show we have repaired the gullies and ruts. The area has been reconstructed and Our Noxious Weed Coordinator is working toward establishing vegetation for stabilization.

The only item remaining is as follows:

INSPECTION TOPIC: Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

PROBLEM: The Operator has mined at a depth deeper than what is approved in their mining plan. The current mine plan needs to be updated and clarified pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-112 (1)(c)(VI). The Operator must provide sufficient information to describe or identify how the operator intends to conduct the operation.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall submit a Technical Revision, with the required \$216 revision fee, to update and clarify the current approved mine plan to reflect existing and proposed activities by the corrective action date.

We had previously stated that we were going to bring the pit depth back to 15 feet but after further review we believe we have not mined deeper than what was approved in the mining plan. The mine plan dated October 21, 1997, Exhibit D, states:

We anticipate mining a gravel depth of between 10 and 15 feet. We do not plan to mine to the bottom of the gravel reserve as we could take the chance of encountering ground water and it would leave a "bow" depression that would need to be filled in after mining was completed.

Figure 1 of the inspection report appears to be taking a measurement of the depth of overburden. Upon reaching the gravel we will then stay at a gravel depth of 10 and 15 feet. The inspection report also indicated that there was water in the pit. This water is from the almost weekly rainstorms that have been occurring. We do want to make sure we follow all requirements of the permit and would like to request an extension of 45 days to investigate the depth of the groundwater table and verify that the water in the pit is from the rainstorms occurring in the area.

We respectfully ask you review the information we have submitted and the 45-day extension we have requested. If the information or action, we have taken is unsatisfactory please contact me at 719-583-4723 or via email at jimenezdo@pueblounty.us.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Dominga Jimenez-Garcia
Engineering Supervisor

Attachments: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Photographs of the site
Taken August 10, 2023











