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Regarding: May 9, 2023 Inspection and bond calculation

Permittee: Whitewater Building Materials Corp.
Permit #: M-1977-129
Operation Name: Whitewater Pit 500

Attached is an updated response to #4 of the Technical Revision to further clarify the buildings in Stage W which we now have combined into Phase S.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Gardner".

Mark Gardner VP
Whitewater Building Materials Corp.

4) REVISED RECLAMATION PLAN AND TIMETABLE

This revision addresses the area south of the Gunnison River in what is now Stages 2, W & Z. Originally Stage 2 was to be reclaimed as lake area surrounded by Revegetated area, Stage W was to be reclaimed as Stock Feeding area since it what the original Plant Site and stockpile area and there was no soil to revegetate it. Stage Z was a settling pond that was to be backfilled and revegetated. This revision combines those Stages into a single stage, Stage S that covers 71.62 acres. This is permit area south of the river that remained when Area Release 6 was approved in 2013. The old Stage W and the eastern part of Stage 2 that was used as Plant Site and stockpile area will be reclaimed into recreational parking and access to the existing lakes. This area was utilized as a plant and stockpile site, prior to permitting requirements in a state, similar to what is existing now.

For reclamation in this Stage, we propose two options for final reclamation. In both options the area along the north, west and south sides of the small western pond and around the west, south and east sides of the existing pond will remain as vegetated area since those areas are mostly reclaimed at this time.

In Option 1, the eastern area that was the old Plant Site and stockpile area will be mined. The mined area would remove the eastern part of the Pond #1 and the northern part of the pre-law Lake to create a single lake. The slope area from the existing surface to the stable lake elevation would be resoiled and seeded and the level area around the new lake will be graveled for recreational vehicle parking. If Option 1 is chosen then approximately 5.00 acres \pm around the north, east and parts of the south side will be RV parking. The existing shop building and existing residential complex would be removed. The average ground water table in this area is 8 feet below the surface so the width from the top of the slope to the water line would be approximately 24 feet and cover approximately 17.95 acre around the east, north and south side to where it meets the existing southern pond. The reclamation treatments for the flat area along the west area will remain unchanged.

In Option 2 the old Plant Site and stockpile area will remain unmined and will be reclaimed as graveled recreational vehicle parking. The existing shop build and existing residential complex will remain. If this is done then the area will only need grading since it has a gravel cover. For Option 2, RV parking would cover the current Plant Site that covers 30.90 acres \pm .

The Revised Reclamation Timetables show the two options and the final use areas associated with that option. Stage 4 is show as-built on the maps and the areas associate with that Stage is reflects on the map and timetables. The revised Exhibit F - Reclamation Plan Map contains an

inset showing Reclamation Option 2. No changes are being made to the Reclamation Plan for the area north of the river in Stage 3-Part A, Stage 3-Part B, Stage 4, Stage 5 and Stage 6