



Response to Reclamation Permit Partial Acreage Release Request Consideration

DATE: September 6, 2023
TO: Hunter Ridley, Environmental Protection Specialist
FROM: Kate Fuller, P.E.
RE: Longmont Distel Operations, File No. M-1989-029 - AR02
Applicant/Operator: Holcim - WCR, Inc, (303) 985-1070
Sections 7, 8, 17 & 18, Twp 2 North, Rng 68 West, 6th P.M., Weld County

COMMENTS: The applicant has requested a partial acreage release for 138.25 acres located along the western boundary of the Distel Pit. Approximately 343.75 acres will remain within the mining permit boundary. The City of Longmont has assumed the augmentation responsibilities for lagged and future depletions from evaporation from open water surface areas and consumptive use by wetlands vegetation at the Distel Pit site under their plan for augmentation decreed in case no. 2009CW271. The plan for augmentation projected that the Distel Pit site would contain 64.0 acres of free water surface area (ponds and streams) and 63.7 acres of new wetlands after reclamation; however, the augmentation plan will replace actual out-of-priority depletions from the actual surveyed areas of free water surface and new wetlands at the site. Additionally, the lagged depletions caused by dust control and past concrete batching and aggregate production must continue to be replaced under a valid substitute water supply plan or a court-decreed plan for augmentation.

This office has no concerns regarding the requested partial acreage release. The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and/or the applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

