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RE: Adequacy Review #1; Technical Revision (TR3); Gardner Gravel Pit – File No. M-1979-034

Dan Redmond:

On September 29, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) filed your Technical Revision request (TR-3) for the Gardner Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1979-034. During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. TR3 was requested by the Division as part of a corrective action as cited in the June 27, 2023 inspection report. The report requested that a Technical Revision be submitted which updated Reclamation Plan narrative and maps, i.e. “The revised plan and map should clarify where all topsoil piles are located within the permit boundary. The Reclamation Plan narrative should be updated to be more specific in its plans for topsoil storage and distribution as it applies to the upper and lower areas of the mine. Additionally, the Operator shall conduct a survey of the existing topsoil stockpiles to determine the current volume of topsoil that has been salvaged”. An updated Reclamation Plan map has been submitted with this TR application, however the additionally required items have not been included. Please submit the following items to the Division as requested:
 - a. An updated Reclamation Plan narrative which describes where topsoil piles are stored within the permit boundaries and describes which piles will be used for the upper area of the mine and which will be used for the lower area of the mine.
 - b. Provide results of a survey of existing topsoil piles stored onsite which determine the volume of topsoil that has been salvaged.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Monday, **October 23, 2023**, in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by October 23, 2023, please request an extension to the decision due date in order to ensure adequate time for the Division to review the materials. A decision due date of October 30, 2023 has been set. 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 feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or hunter.rildey@state.co.us

Sincerely,
Hunter C. Ridley

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hunter Ridley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "R".

Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Michael Cunningham, DRMS