



## COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

October 17, 2023

Richard Murphy  
The Denver Brick Company  
210 Acme St  
Denton, TX 76205

### **Re: Bijou Clay Mine, Permit No. M-1997-007, Approval of Corrective Action Date Extension**

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On October 17, 2023, the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received your request to extend the corrective action date for the following problems identified in the Division's August 3, 2023 inspection report:

#### **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Erosion/Sedimentation

**PROBLEM #1:** Erosion gullies and rills were observed on-site. Gullies were found north west of the phase 4 pit and also east of the phase 3 pit. Rill erosion was observed throughout the site on bare slopes, which may form into gullies if left untouched. This is a problem at this time for failure to protect the affected land from erosion pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(j) and Rule 3.1.6(3).

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall provide photo documentation to the Division verifying erosion gullies have been repaired, rills are being controlled, and that the site has been reconstructed and stabilized to prevent further erosion damage by the corrective action date.

**NEW CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** November 17, 2023

#### **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Revegetation/ Noxious Weeds

**PROBLEM #2:** There are state-listed noxious weeds present on site. This is a problem for failure to employ weed control methods for state listed noxious weed species within the permitted area, and to reduce the spread of weeds to nearby areas as required by Rule 3.1.10(6).

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall submit evidence (invoice for service, receipt of chemical purchase, and/or images of sprayed plants) to the Division of implementation of the approved weed control plan by the corrective action due date.

**NEW CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** November 17, 2023

The Division has approved your extension request, giving the new corrective actions due dates listed above. If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at (303) 866-3567, ext. 8147, or by email at [joel.renfro@state.co.us](mailto:joel.renfro@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Renfro". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Joel" and last name "Renfro" clearly distinguishable.

Joel Renfro  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc:  
Amy Eschberger, DRMS