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**RE: Urie Gravel Pit**

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**elaine@urietrucking.com** <elaine@urietrucking.com>  
To: "Yeldell - DNR, Amy" <amy.yeldell@state.co.us>

Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 9:08 AM

Good Morning Amy,

RE: Urie Gravel Pit

Just to give you a synopsis of what we have been doing at the Gravel Pit and where we intend to go.

We have mowed the weeds on the flat ground around the opened pit in Phase 1 and into Phase 2 and will burn the slopes again when they are dry and with good conditions. We have repaired the irrigation sprinklers, but is too late in the year to turn the sprinklers on, we will get it seeded between now and or spring for the snow to assist in the spring time growth with mowing and fertilizing.

Our certified weed sprayer will legally assist to continue to keep the noxious weeds under control and work on the Kochia and leave grasses growing. An article was just in the newspaper regarding our kochia overgrowth in this area, the highways are loaded.

Steve has been working long hours every weekend and evenings and has reclaimed the slope on the north and northeast side up to where we are currently mining. He will make another dike right up to the current mining area now. We can then start pumping the excess water over into the Phase 1 and/or 2 area and not into the river anymore.

When we move the crushing operations, we will stockpile topsoil as required and follow the requirements for such.

We continue to say the added cost of \$24,016.16 for the current bond (\$91,600.00) is out of base for our current pit conditions. I believe we have spent this money to bring the pit up to current. Steve has brought the sides up to where Phase 2 is almost completed. The only thing needed for dirt work, if we were to choose to abandon operations, would be the slope to the south end of Phase 2. We make a plea to consider who you are working with as individuals, we are trustworthy and honest, we have been in business since 1973 (50 yrs). We will not abandon our property and give it over to the government, any government entity, to complete as it is our person investment. I guarantee that Stephen and Elaine Urie have plenty of funds to care for its completion and 2 sons/operator, 4 dozers, 4 track hoes, scraper and any equipment needed to complete it. I can guarantee this as we are a debt free company and have been for many years.

Please relook at the cash bond as Steve has spent many hours in a dozer to bring it up to complete the slopes.

We will not abandon our property. If the costs escalate too much, we will consider discontinuing the gravel operations which will harm the Rangely area for products. Being this is a very small town/area, sales are not that abundant, so the gravel pit sales is really only a part time business.

I guess I will leave this here and let you make any choices for us to consider ongoing operations for our gravel pit.

Have a Great Day!!

Thank you,

*Stephen A & Elaine C Urie*

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**From:** Yeldell - DNR, Amy <[amy.yeldell@state.co.us](mailto:amy.yeldell@state.co.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:24 PM  
**To:** [elaine@urietrucking.com](mailto:elaine@urietrucking.com)  
**Subject:** Urie Gravel Pit

Hi Elaine,

Thanks for meeting me last week for the inspection. Attached is a copy of your inspection report. Also attached is the proposed surety increase. Please review it and get back to me if any of the inputs need to be changed. Otherwise if no changes are made I'll issue the increase after Oct 2. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

\* I will not mail hard copies unless specifically requested.

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