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## Need for more clarification on Moonscape Pit

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Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 11:52 AM

To: chaunceyluttrell@hotmail.com, Michael and Vicki Ripp &lt;mvrripp@aol.com&gt;

Hello --

Please see attached adequacy letter. There is another point to clarify.

Thanks,  
Rob

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November 10, 2023

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**Re: Moonscape Pit, File No. M-1997-027,  
Third Adequacy Review of Technical Revision No. 3 (TR-03)**

Dear Mr. Luttrell:

On September 14, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your TR-03 application for the Moonscape Pit. We have also received responses to our adequacy letters, the most recent was submitted November 8, 2023.

The Division reviewed the contents of the application and adequacy responses, and we have additional adequacy items to be addressed by you or your consultant.

1. The Introduction must be updated to reflect the existing conditions. For example, there should not be a reference to an existing 110c pit or permit since the permit was converted to a 112c permit in 2009.
  - *No additional response required.*
2. Exhibit D must be updated to reflect current conditions. For example, page D-3 suggests that mining was completed in 2022. However, you indicated (in a phone conversation) that mining shall continue at your site into the future. Please include estimates of the schedule, the area remaining to be mined, volumes, and other pertinent information.
  - *No additional response required.*
3. Update the Mining Plan Map in Exhibit C to reflect current conditions, as appropriate. This must agree with Exhibit D. Please ensure that locations of features are accurate, including (but not limited to) the topsoil pile and the fuel tank.
  - ***Please clarify on the maps (Exhibits C and F) and in the text of Exhibits D and E if a pit will be left on the eastern portion of the mining area. This is what is implied because the exhibits state that 12 feet of product will be extracted in the 3.8 acres left to be mined, but there is no discussion of this area being backfilled.***



4. Please update Exhibit E page numbers to start at page E-1, unless there is a good reason to start at page E-7.
  - *No additional response required.*
  
5. Exhibit E must clearly indicate the specifics of reclamation that will be conducted, including areas, depth, and volumes of areas that require backfilling and/or grading. Update the Reclamation Map (Exhibit F) also, as appropriate. A particular detail that should be explained: in the materials I received yesterday, Map F indicates that no soil will be placed, and no vegetation will be grown, on the pit floor. Is that correct?
  - *No additional response required.*

The Division is required to issue an approval or denial decision no later than November 15, 2023. An extension of the deadline will be needed. Please ask for an extension to approximately December 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 720-601-2276, or by email at Rob.zuber@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Zuber, P.E.  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Copied via email: Michael Ripp, MVR Resources, Inc.