



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

December 14, 2023

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

Re: Bijou Clay Mine, Permit No. M-1997-007, Erosion Problem Abated

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On December 14, 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.

CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS: Abated. The operator has repaired problem areas affected by erosion and reseeded bare areas. Images were submitted along with maps plotting where images were taken.

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.

Sincerely,

Joel Renfro
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc:
Amy Eschberger, DRMS

