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**Re: Notice of Application Consideration for Permit: M2023042**

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To: Hunter Ridley - DNR <hunter.ridley@state.co.us>  
Cc: Alec Hernandez - DNR <alec.hernandez@state.co.us>

Thu, Dec 28, 2023 at 9:53 AM

Hi Hunter,

Attached are DWR's comments on the application permit no. M-2023-042, the Western Equipment & Truck Mine #1.  
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Wenli Dickinson, P.E.  
Water Resource Engineer



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## Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

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DATE: December 28, 2023

TO: Hunter Ridley, Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (DRMS), [hunter.ridley@state.co.us](mailto:hunter.ridley@state.co.us)

CC: Division 1 Office, District 2 Water Commissioner

FROM: Wenli Dickinson, P.E., State Engineer's Office (SEO), [wenli.dickinson@state.co.us](mailto:wenli.dickinson@state.co.us)

RE: **Western Equipment & Truck Mine #1, M-2023-042**

Applicant: Craig Sparrow, President, Western Equipment & Truck, Inc.  
2055 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, (970) 353-6682

Contact: Jason S. Andrews, P.E., Engineering Analytics, Inc.  
1600 Specht Point Road, Suite 209, Fort Collins, CO 80525, (970) 488-3111

Location: Part of N ½ NE ¼ of Sec. 24, Twp. 5 North, Rng. 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County

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### CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

The proposed operation will consume groundwater by: ☐ evaporation, ☒ dust control, ☐ dewatering, ☐ water removed in the mined product, ☐ washing, ☐ concrete production, or ☐ reclamation.

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**COMMENTS:** The subject application is for a surface mining operation on approximately 74 acres of which 64 acres will be disturbed, generally located in the N ½ NE ¼ of Sec. 24, Twp. 5 North, Rng. 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County. The mining operation consists of mining the first 10-12 inches topsoil for oil and gas reclamation. According to the application, there are 24 to 26 inches of topsoil underlain by gravely sand, and mining is not expected to encounter groundwater. No onsite processing will occur. Water purchased from a legal source will be used for dust control. The area will be reclaimed through revegetation.

Any stormwater runoff intercepted by this operation that is not diverted or captured in priority must infiltrate into the ground or be released to the stream system within 72 hours. If the Applicant will use or expose any groundwater, the Applicant must first obtain a well permit and a substitute water supply plan ("SWSP") or decreed plan for augmentation to replace depletions caused by groundwater consumption.

Lastly, according to our records, well permit no. 11845-R is located on the subject property which must be operated in accordance with its permitted conditions, augmentation plan, and applicable statutes. The well cannot be used for the mining operation unless it is permitted for such use.

The Applicant may contact DWR at (303) 866-3581 with any questions.

