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Barnes Pit, Schmidt Gravel Pit, and Rother Gravel Pit Inspection Report and Problem Citation

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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To: kiowa1889@gmail.com

Cc: kiowaco.assist@gmail.com, Amy Eschberger - DNR <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. Please find attached the inspection reports for the Schmidt, Barnes, and Rother pits from my visit on October 5th. I apologize for the delay in sending these reports.

During my inspection, I noticed that there were some issues with the signage in front of each mine. I spoke to Allen about this and advised that the sign needs to state that "A reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (CMLRB)" in addition to the mine name, permit number, and permittee information that was already there. I have attached some example photos of signs that meet the criteria, which I've texted to Allen.

Currently, the deadline for corrective action is December 28, 2023. However, I understand that the holiday season can cause some delays in obtaining new signage. If you require an extension, please send me a written request. Once new signs have been put up, please email me images so I can verify that the issue has been resolved.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Best,

Joel Renfro

Environmental Protection Specialist

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 **M1992075 Barnes Gravel Pit Inspection Report.pdf**
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 **M2000048 Schmidt Gravel Pit Inspection Report.pdf**
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Eschberger - DNR, Amy <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>
To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Fri, Dec 1, 2023 at 10:24 AM

Hey Joel,

I just got the chance to read over these 3 inspection reports you sent out earlier this week. Great job!

Best Regards,

Amy Eschberger
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist



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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>
To: "Eschberger - DNR, Amy" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>

Fri, Dec 1, 2023 at 10:40 AM

Hey, thanks for the kind words, glad to hear you like them!

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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>
To: kiowa1889@gmail.com
Cc: kiowaco.assist@gmail.com

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 9:20 AM

Good Morning,

I hope you all are doing well and were able to have a restful holiday season!

I wanted to bump this email and remind you all of the corrective action deadline for Barnes Pit, Schmidt Gravel Pit, and Rother Gravel Pit. All the listed mines required new mine entrance signs and I required images sent to me once it had been completed. The deadline was on December 28th, 2023. As I stated in the email below though, I understand that we

just had plenty of holidays and I'm sure people took time off for those holidays, so I understand if you all need an extension on the deadline.

We are past the deadline now and are entering the enforcement phase for these corrective actions, unless I receive documentation that these corrective actions have been completed or receive an extension request by the end of the day today.

If you need to request an extension you can write it out in email or pdf letter via email. Please include in your extension request:

- the name of each mine
- the specific corrective action deadline you're requesting to extend (signs)
- what date you'd like to extend to

Typically we will extend deadlines by an extra 30 days at a time, but if you need more time than that and have adequate enough reasoning for extending longer than 30 extra days, I can be flexible with that date.

Please reach out to me if you have any further questions, and let me know if you've seen this email. I want to work with you all on getting these corrective actions complete, and I'm sure we all would like to avoid any enforcement actions needing to be taken.

I will be in touch with you soon.

Thanks,

Joel

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Dawna Peck <kiowa1889@gmail.com>
To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 10:39 AM

Joel I received your email this morning. I am currently talking with Allen Watts about what needs to be done and how long he needs to be able to get it done. I will be sending an email later today to let you know.

Thank you.

Dawna Peck
Kiowa County Financial Officer
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Dawna Peck <kiowa1889@gmail.com>
To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>, Tina Adamson <kiowaco100@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 10:58 AM

Joel,

I talked with Allen Watts this morning and the signs have been ordered. Please give us an additional 30 days to get them in and installed.

Let me know if you have any questions or if you need anything additional from us.

Dawna Peck
Kiowa County Financial Officer
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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 11:32 AM

To: Dawna Peck <kiowa1889@gmail.com>

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

I want to confirm that I understand the request correctly to keep a proper record. Would you like to extend the corrective action deadlines to January 27, 2024, 30 days from the **original** deadline?

Let me know if that date sounds correct, then I will approve the extension on my end.

Thanks,

Joel

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Dawna Peck <kiowa1889@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 11:33 AM

To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Yes that would be great.

Thank you

Dawna Peck
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