



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

January 2, 2024

Allen Watts  
Kiowa County  
P.O. Box 100  
Eads, CO 81036

**Re: Schmidt Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-2000-048, Approval of Corrective Action Date Extension**

Dear Mr. Watts:

On January 2, 2024, 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 October 5, 2023 inspection report:

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The sign does not include a statement that the reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (CMLRB). This is a problem for failure to meet all requirements of a mine identification sign per Rule 3.1.12(1).

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the operator, the operation name, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the CMLRB, and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action due date.

**NEW CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 01/27/2024

The Division has approved your extension request, giving the new corrective actions due dates listed above. 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](mailto:joel.renfro@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

Joel Renfro  
Environmental Protection Specialist



Cc:

Amy Eschberger, DRMS