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**RE: M-1981-013 Nichols Gravel Pit**

Ms. Yeldell:

I'm writing in response to the Inspection report dated 10-25-2023 and your email dated 11-13-2023 for permit M-1981-013 Nichols Gravel Pit. I have been in contact with Anson Excavating & Pipe, Inc. out of Craig, CO about coming in and running the pit. They did a site tour on Dec. 29, 2023. They are currently reviewing the inspection report, and putting a plan together to do some work to reduce the amount of increase that has been calculated for the reclamation bond. I would like to ask for an additional 60 days to allow them time to finish a plan, and then move equipment in and execute their plan. Then on or before March 4, 2023, we will send you a summary of the work that has been done and request for an on-site inspection and review of this work. Once this has been completed then we would ask that a new calculation of the bond amount be figured. Then within 30 days of us receiving that new bond calculation, any increase in the bond from the current amount of \$115,474.00 will be paid via cash or reclamation bond.

Thank you for your understanding in this time extension and I look forward to getting this resolved.

John Nichols

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