



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

January 4, 2024

John Nichols
Nichols Gravel Pit L.L.P.
P.O. Box 285
Mesa, CO 81643

RE: Nichols Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1981-013, Proposed Surety Increase SI-5, Extension for Reclamation Work and Recalculation

Dear Mr. Nichols:

On November 12, 2023, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) sent you a proposed Surety Increase (SI-5). This reclamation cost update was in response to the site inspection conducted on October 25, 2023. The proposed SI-5 would result in a total required bond amount of \$208,115, which is an increase of \$92,641 over the \$115,474.00 currently held. The Division gave a deadline of January 12, 2024, to respond with any errors or concerns.

The Division had several phone calls with yourself and Mike Anson of Anson Excavating & Pipe, Inc regarding ways to reduce the overall site liability. On January 3, 2024, the Division received a formal extension request to allow for additional time to conduct reclamation work on site. The Division is approving the extension request. An additional 60 days will be granted. On or before March 4, 2023 please provide the Division with a summary of the work that has been completed. After such time the Division may conduct a follow up site inspection. The reclamation cost estimate will be adjusted to reflect progress made and a surety increase will be sent.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS

