



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

January 26, 2024

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

Re: Barnes Pit, Permit No. M-1991-075, Corrective Action Abated

Dear Mr. Watts:

On January 26, 2024, the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received corrective action for the problem identified in the Division's October 5, 2023 inspection report:

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The current mine identification sign posted at the entrance of the mine site is weathered and the permit number is no longer readable. The sign also 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.

CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS: Abated. The operator replaced the old sign with a new one that meets the requirements of Rule 3.1.12(1).

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.

Sincerely,

Joel Renfro
Environmental Protection Specialist



Cc: Amy Eschberger, DRMS