



January 29, 2024

Paul Morgan  
Morgan Excavating, Inc.  
581 County Road 420  
La Veta, CO 81055

**Re: Adequacy Review of the Technical Revision Request (TR1) for the Morgan Pit, File No. M-2006-077**

Dear Paul Morgan,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (§ § 34-32.5-101-34-32.5-125) (Act) and the Rules and Regulations for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue of concern needs to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval:

1. The proposed revision description states that the currently calculated highwalls are 796 feet, and that the west and east highwalls will be reclaimed as mining progresses to the south. Please clarify whether or not the 796 feet is also the proposed maximum highwall length. As a reminder, upon approval of the Technical Revision (TR), the maximum highwall length will be the approved length and will be subject to inspection during future site visits.

Please submit your response to the above listed issue at least three days prior to the decision date in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by this date, please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review materials. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you have any questions, please send me an email at [amber.gibson@state.co.us](mailto:amber.gibson@state.co.us), or call me at 720-836-0967.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber M. Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amber" and last name "Gibson" clearly distinguishable.

Amber M. Gibson  
Environmental Protection Specialist I

Ec: Jared Ebert, DRMS