



Response to Reclamation Permit Surety Reduction Request Consideration

DATE: February 28, 2024
TO: Brock Bowles
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RE: Greeley 35th Ave Pit, Permit No. M-1977-036, SR-1
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COMMENTS: The applicant has submitted a request for partial surety (bond) release for the Greeley 35th Avenue Pit, which consists of 381.38 permitted acres located adjacent to Greeley. Gravel mining at the site is ongoing. The slurry wall liner for the West Cell was approved by the State Engineer's Office as meeting the design standard for liners on December 1, 2015, and the Greeley 35th Avenue (West Cell Reservoir) is now classified as a lined reservoir in accordance with the August 1999 State Engineer Guidelines for Lining Criteria for Gravel Pits (Greeley 35th Ave Reservoir, WDID 0303844). The proposed surety reduction would reduce the financial warranty by \$2,591,735 which corresponds to the amount allocated for the installation of the slurry wall around the West Cell.

The remainder of the site is still being mined. Depletions associated with ongoing mining and evaporation of exposed groundwater are currently replaced under the Greeley 35th Avenue Substitute Water Supply Plan (Plan ID 2945) approved on March 21, 2023, which covers depletions through March 31, 2024. The site must continue to be included in a Substitute Water Supply plan until there is no longer an effect on the stream flow from ongoing or past operations or the site is covered under a plan for augmentation. The long-term reclamation plan for the site is to construct a slurry wall around the remaining pits. The remaining surety includes \$2,244,318 for the installation of the slurry wall.

Subject to the above, this office has no objection to the requested partial surety release being granted for the Greeley 35th Avenue Pit.

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and/or the applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

