

Department of Natural Resources

March 5, 2024

Steve Williams **Washington County** 11920 Co. Rd. CC P.O. Box 32 Anton, CO 80801

Re: Nickell Gravel Pit - File No. M-1994-077

Washington County

Surety Release Request (SL-1)

Full/Final Release

Dear Steve Williams:

On March 5, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on February 12, 2024, addressing the following:

Request full and final release of permit area

The decision reached by the Division is: Approve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety elected to release Washington County from further responsibility for the Nickell Gravel Pit. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warrant(ies) on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Washington County for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (720) 774-0040, or by email at Brock.bowles@state.co.us.

Sincerely.

Brock F. Bowles

Environmental Protection Specialist

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