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Fwd: Argo project- questions about mining permits

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Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 2:44 PM

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From: **Tony Truschel** <ttruschel@landmarkenviro.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 8:48 AM

Subject: RE: Argo project- questions about mining permits

To: Bowles - DNR, Brock <brock.bowles@state.co.us>Cc: Bryan McFarland <bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com>

Hi Brock-

Thanks for the timely review. Please see responses to your questions below.

When ready, we would be pleased to schedule a call with you to discuss status and plans.

Thanks!

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From: Bowles - DNR, Brock <brock.bowles@state.co.us>**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024 12:03 PM**To:** Tony Truschel <ttruschel@landmarkenviro.com>**Cc:** Bryan McFarland <bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com>**Subject:** Re: Argo project- questions about mining permits

Tony,

Thank you for submitting the questionnaire. I have a couple of clarifying questions about your submission.

1. The location data provided is not accurate. The Prime meridian is listed as New Mexico but Idaho Springs is in the 6th meridian. The Township/Range is listed at 3N 73W which is the Allen's Park area. The UTM data also has the location somewhere 25ish miles northwest of Idaho Springs.

The UTM coordinates are: 39.742823N, 105.506661W . Please see the attached map.

The Section Township Range is: S36 T3S R72W . Please see attached map. (Apologies for the typos)

2. Item 15 is asking about any permits for this activity. None were listed. Do you have a permit with Idaho Springs and/ or Clear Creek County?

The Mighty Argo Development has an earth disturbance/excavation/grading permit with the City Of Idaho Springs.

3. You state in the email about a CDPHE Materials Management Plan. Who is the CDPHE person working on this project? and when is this plan going to be approved?

Our CDPHE Site Manager is Kyle Sandor <kyle.sandor@state.co.us> P 303.692.6394. We recently submitted a proposed amendment to the CDPHE-approved MMP, that includes the alternatives for offsite disposal. We should hear back from Kyle Sandor soon. He is aware that we are seeking input from Colorado DRMS.

4. Are the offsite repositories, Gem and Franklin Mines, permitted as repositories or mine tailings storage sites? We are concerned about the handling and storage of potential toxic materials.

The candidate offsite waste rock repository sites include the Gem Mine (M2020045) and Franklin Mine (M1983083). I believe these are standard operator permits.

The material is considered Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Bevill Amendment exempt waste rock that can be managed with a MMP to insure safe handling and storage of materials.

On Fri, Mar 22, 2024 at 9:29 AM Tony Truschel <ttruschel@landmarkenviro.com> wrote:

Hi Brock-

Thanks for speaking with me a few weeks ago.

Apologies for the slow reply; I needed to get with the appropriate Mighty Argo Development staff.

Please see the attached copy of the "Is it Mining" form. Please contact us with any questions.

We are currently updating the CDPHE-approved Materials Management Plan (MMP) to reflect the option for movement of waste rock materials to these offsite repositories.

We would be pleased to send you a copy when completed.

Thanks!



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From: Bowles - DNR, Brock <brock.bowles@state.co.us>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 4:23 PM
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Hello Tony,

I enjoyed our conversation this afternoon about your project at the Argo Mill.

As we discussed, your project has the possibility of requiring a mining permit, but we need some more clarifying information. I suggest you fill out an [Is It Mining Questionnaire](#) and submit it to us for review. You can email me the completed form. Be sure to include how you have a material management plan for the material being moved and the CDPHE and the EPA's involvement in the project. This will help us in our decision making process.

We also touched on the requirements of a 111(1)(b) permit. Here is the link to the page with all the permits that DRMS offers- (<https://drms.colorado.gov/forms/minerals-program-forms>). Please note that no determination has been made yet as to whether a permit is required for this project. Do not submit an application at this time.

Here is also a link to the Rules that govern hard rock and construction materials (<https://drms.colorado.gov/rules-and-regulations>).

I am available for questions throughout this process and I look forward to working with you.

Brock

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