



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

April 11, 2024

Brett Fontanari
3316 E ¾ Road
Clifton, CO 81520

RE: Western Slope Flagstone Quarry No. 2, Permit No. M-1996-076, Inspection Problem Abated

Dear Mr. Fontanari:

On March 19, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), conducted an inspection of the above referenced site. Water was observed discharging into the pit, resulting in the pit floor to become inundated. Water being applied and retained on site is a violation of a permit condition. Given the severity of the situation, the Division sent an email to immediately notify the operator of the conditions observed on site and required corrective actions.

A follow up inspection was conducted on March 21, 2024. At which time it appeared that the corrective actions had been addressed but no formal documentation had been provided. The Divisions inspection report for the March 19 and 21, 2024 inspections was sent on March 27, 2024.

On April 5, 2024, the Division spoke with Brett Fontanari who represents Rudy Fontanari, the Permittee. He indicated that the Crawford Ditch was now closed so no more water would be coming down into the pit. Additionally, Mr. Fontanari provided documentation in the form of a text message and six photos. This satisfies the corrective actions related to Hydrologic Balance and it is considered abated. The availability of records problem remains unresolved.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell
Environmental Protection Specialist

EC: Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, DRMS

