



April 29, 2024

Joe Walters
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9002 N Moore Rd
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**RE: Lawrence Construction Bridge Project, Reference No. M-2024-018
“Is It Mining?” Questionnaire, Additional Information Required**

Mr. Walters:

On April 23, 2024, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) received your “Is It Mining?” questionnaire regarding a proposed construction material excavation located on private property in Yuma County. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of material will be extracted from the site for use in a temporary bridge project. The proposed extraction area will cover 0.25 acre, with a depth of approximately 10 feet. The extracted material will be hauled approximately one mile offsite, with half of this material to be brought back to the site after the (separate) permanent bridge project is completed. The landowner or the mine site operator will receive some type of compensation from the proposed material extraction.

In order for DRMS to make a determination as to whether a Mined Land Reclamation Permit is required for your proposed project, the following additional information is needed:

- 1) Please provide the legal location of the proposed project, as requested under Item #1 of the questionnaire.
- 2) Please submit a site map that clearly shows the location of the proposed extraction site and the location of the nearest city or town, as requested under Item #1 of the questionnaire. (This map can be in the form of a Google Earth image of the site with the proposed extraction area indicated.)
- 3) Please provide the type(s) of material proposed to be extracted (e.g., silt, sand, gravel, clay, rock), as requested under Item #3 of the questionnaire.
- 4) According to the information provided under Items #8, #9, and #10 of the questionnaire, the proposed extraction area will have an aerial extent of approximately 0.25 acre and a depth of 10 feet, but only 1,000 cubic yards of material will be removed. If the full 0.25 acre were mined to a depth of 10 feet as proposed, the total volume of material would be approximately 4,033 cubic yards. Please provide a brief explanation for the lower proposed volume or make any necessary corrections.
- 5) Under Item #15 of the questionnaire, it states that no permits have been required thus far for the proposed operation. However, it is the Division’s understanding that bridge projects do require some type of permitting from local governmental agencies and/or CDOT. Please describe any permits that will be needed for this project.



- 6) Under Item #17 of the questionnaire, it states the property is unused and will remain unused after you are done extracting and then replacing the dirt. Please describe any other planned reclamation for the proposed extraction area besides replacing approximately half of the dirt that is removed.

Please include "Reference No. M-2024-018" on any future correspondence or submittals for this site. Your response to this letter can be submitted directly to me via the email address provided below.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129 or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Eschberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Eschberger
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Russ Means, DRMS
Joel Renfro, DRMS