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Ojection Letters Recieved Through July 10, AM-1, Kirtright Pit, M1986-123

1 message

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Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM

To: Peter Wayland <pwayland@weilandinc.com>, "Ken Coulson (ken@coulsonex.com)" <ken@coulsonex.com>, caitlyn@coulsonex.com

Good Morning,

Attached to this email are the Objection Letters the Division has received through July 10, 2024. There are 14 letters of objection.

Please be prepared to address the topics raised in the letters.

Thank you,
Patrick

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Environmental Protection Specialist



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July 3, 2024

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Stroh Pit / Kirtright Pit

bkaneb <bkaneb@gmail.com>
To: Patrick.Lennberg@state.co.us

Wed, Jul 10, 2024 at 6:49 PM

Hello Patrick,

I am writing this to ask you to look into the shadyness of the Coulson Excavation Company In the dealings with the Stroh Quarry and the Kirtright pit. I am in full agreement with the below letter and write this so you know I am a real person. I am a Veteran and my girls have asthma. We need to stop this pit. It is shady. Enough is enough.

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Coulson Excavating/Stroh Pit USR Mining Permit (Call for comments regarding the Kirtright Pit Amendment)

1 message

Daniel Brunt <dnlbrunt4@gmail.com>
To: Patrick.Lennberg@state.co.us
Cc: JShaddockMcNally@larimer.org

Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 12:13 PM

I, Daniel Brunt, am an owner in Thompson River Ranch at 4807 Wildwood Way. My homes rear yard faces the meadow to be mined by Coulson Excavating. I have followed all of the legal documents over the past few years and although I don't agree with the outcome, I am prepared to live with it. I can however not believe the constant delay tactics, code violations, and negligence allowed by Coulson to roughshod over the conditions set by County and DRMS permits. We were told Coulson would begin excavating Stroh Pit no later than July 1, 2024 and be COMPLETED within 7 years, 2031, with Full Reclamation. But now, Coulson Excavating continues to play his games, changes the rules, files whatever he can get away with to suit only Coulson. No regard for the residences in the area. He was informed by DRMS that he was to complete reclamation of the Kirtright site, but instead, 16 years after mining was completed, Coulson is not held responsible by DRMS. Now, he claims he needs Stroh pit soil to reclaim Kirtright Pit. If the Kirtright Pit is an example, the Coulson have not successfully demonstrated that they can operate within the standards and conditions set by the County and DRMS, or within the timeframe they claim. The DRMS calls this a reclamation permit, but what Coulson is proposing is anything but reclamation. My objection to this Kirtright Pit amendment is that it is just another long line of excuses and passes given to Coulson to continue to extend operations for their benefit. Both the DRMS and Larimer County have a role to play in holding Coulson accountable and the DRMS can start by ensuring that Kirtright Pit is reclaimed AS WAS INITIALLY REQUIRED BY THEIR PERMIT.

Sincerely,
Daniel Brunt
4807 Wildwood Way

Sent from my iPad

July 8, 2024

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah A. Genet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being more prominent and the last name "Genet" following in a similar style.

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Amendment application for Kirtright Pit, Larimer County, Permit #M1986-123

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Ed Garvey <pinoyboy@gmail.com>

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Coulson mine

Gary Wetzel <garywetzel@msn.com>

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Subject: **Call for Comments Regarding Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. Amendment
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Using the Kirtright Pit as an example, Coulson clearly believes it can ignore the standards and conditions set by the DRMS without consequences. With this new proposed amendment, the Kirtright Pit will not be reclaimed until May 2031 - 23 years after mining was completed in 2008.

DRMS must hold Coulson accountable by ensuring that the Kirtright Pit is immediately reclaimed as was initially required by their permit to be completed in 2013. After the Kirtright Pit has been properly reclaimed then Larimer County can deal with the Stroh Pit USR and the O'Brien property rights.

Respectfully,



Gregory R. Martino
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Enc: Exhibit A

Cc: Larimer County Commissioner Jody Shaddock McNally
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EXHIBIT A

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Date of Comment or Objection

07/04/2024

***** *Indicates a Required Field*

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- ☒ Objection
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Contact Type *

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Group
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Please select the appropriate option above to identify who you represent.

Your First Name *

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5067 Ridgewood Dr

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Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

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Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail.

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Your Phone Number * (?)

Used only to follow up.

9704088639

Extension**Alternate Phone Number (?)**

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Select all that apply

- ☐ Land Owner of affected land
- ☐ Mineral Owner
- ☐ Adjacent Land Owner
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Dust and fallout

Hours of operation

Negative visual impact

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- ☒ New Permit ☐ Change to Existing Permit

Permit Number * (?)

Enter a valid permit number

M1986123

County *

Colorado County where the proposed operation is located

Larimer

Enter one county only

Site Name

Kirtright Pit

Permittee/Operator Name

Coulson Excavating Company

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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July 3, 2024

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Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 10:11 PM

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Our objection to this Kirtright Pit amendment is that it is just another in a long line of excuses and passes given to Coulson to continue to extend operations for their benefit. A company that has been doing this type of work for several generations should know the regulations and the requirements of completing such an undertaking before they start work on a large-scale, landscape-altering endeavor like a gravel pit. Instead, it appears that it has taught them how to play DRMS and Larimer County and take advantage of the lack of government oversight. DRMS cannot pass this off as only the problem of local government. Both the DRMS and Larimer County have a role to play in holding Coulson accountable and the DRMS can start by ensuring that Kirtright Pit is reclaimed as was initially required by their permit. It is hoped that more stringent oversight will then continue with Coulson's future projects.

Sincerely,

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