



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

July 16, 2024

John Nichols
Nichols Gravel Pit L.L.P.
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RE: Nichols Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1981-013 , Technical Revision (TR-4), Adequacy Review-1

Dear Mr. Nichols:

On July 16, 2024, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Technical Revision request TR-43 for the Nahcolite Project, Permit No. **M-1983-194**. The revision requested addresses the following items:

Minor changes to the reclamation plan. 7 Ac of the pit floor will remain graveled, scales will remain post mining, update seed mix site wide, remove tree planting and use of fertilizer until deemed necessary.

During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

The provided seed mix is nearly all wheatgrasses. Please revise the seed mix to include additional species to enhance diversity and long-term sustainability.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by **Friday, August 2, 2024** in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by August 2, 2024 please request an extension to the decision due date to ensure adequate time for the Division to review materials. A decision due date of **August 10, 2024** has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

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
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