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Mr. Elliot Russell  
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RE: M-2024-025 Application Withdraw

Dear Mr, Russell:

In February 2024, Aurora Water submitted a Letter of Authorization (LOA) request to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) seeking approval to develop a test quarry in Park County adjacent to its proposed Wild Horse Reservoir near Hartsel, CO. The land is privately owned, however; the mineral estate was retained by the US government thus requiring BLM approval to access the minerals. The BLM is required, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to determine the potential impacts to onsite resources when considering these types of applications. In May 2024, Aurora Water also submitted an application and fee to your office for a 111 permit to construct this test quarry. This was assigned as File No. M-2024-025.

The BLM recently determined that the development of a test quarry, within the federal mineral estate at this location, could result in impacts to onsite resources. They also determined that an Environmental Assessment should be conducted to better understand the impacts. The BLM indicated that this process could take up to 1-year to complete.

Aurora Water is evaluating this requirement and its associated timeline. Given a Letter of Authorization will not be forthcoming in the near future, Aurora Water would like to withdraw the 111-application associated with File No. M 2024-025.

Aurora Water would like to thank you and your office for your time, guidance and assistance towards to the development of the test quarry. As the project progresses, we may apply for other DRMS permits to complete the construction of the proposed reservoir. Aurora Water does not request reimbursement of the application fees we have already paid.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Richard Vidmar*

Richard A. Vidmar, PE  
Aurora Water