

November 19, 2024

Andy Azcarraga
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RE: Rolling Hills Gravel Pit, File No. M-2023-040 , 112c Construction Materials Application, Adequacy Review-3

Dear Mr. Azcarraga:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the application can be considered for approval. **New or follow up items are listed in red.**

Rule 6.4.4 Exhibit D – Mining Plan

1. Page 3 Phase 3. Please clarify this language “There will be no highwall given the max mining slope will be 1H: 1V.” If the final highwall grade will be 3H: 1V slope then additional grading to the existing highwall will be required. A wall need not be vertical to be considered a highwall.

Page 3 Phase 3 Still states “The west and south sides of Phase 3 will be mined at 1H:1V and will be reclaimed to 3HV:1V slopes. There will be no highwall given the max mining slope will be 1H:1V. “ A 1H: 1V slope is still considered a highwall.

2. Please clarify during Phase 3 what is the maximum length and height of a 1H: 1V slope that would need to be regraded to a 3H: 1V. Also, will this slope be graded using cut/fill or backfill?

This is not stated within the Mining Plan. Please include language provided in the adequacy response into Mining Plan.



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3. On Table L-1, how is the 42,361 CY associated with highwall slope reduction (cut/fill) calculated. If the maximum slope is 915 LF 50'D @1H: 1V going to a 3H: 1V cut/fill is 21,181 CY.
4. Will the scale house be fixed structure or skid mounted? Please provide dimensions and anticipated building materials for all features which would require demotion for completion of final reclamation. (scale, scale house, etc.)
 - a. If demo is applicable, please state the disposal method/ location.
5. Worse case scenario would require trucking of overburden from the initial stockpile location. Does the overburden tasks for Phase 4 be include trucking?
 - a. Phase 4 is approximately 3400 LF away at 18" over 10.1 ac is 24,442 CY
 - b. Scale area, initial stockpile area and Phase 3 could be sourced from adjacent phases within 500 feet.
6. Please provide the quote supporting the purchase and delivery of topsoil at \$30 a CY.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Wednesday, November 27, 2024 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. Please place a copy of your adequacy response at the County Clerk or Recorder per Rule 1.6.2(2). The current decision date for your application is scheduled for November 29, 2024.

Note that on October 23, 2024, an extension was requested from the MLRB to extend the decision date beyond 365 days . The MLRB did not have a quorum during the November meeting and so the matter will be considered at the December 11, 2024, meeting. If approved the new decision deadline would be January 28, 2025. If any deficiencies remain by the decision due date the Division may deny the application.

The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed. If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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