

Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

- DATE: November 25, 2024
- TO: Ben E. Hammar, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
- EC: Joanna Williams, P.E., Chief of Water Supply Inside Basins

Chris Grimes Ground Water Commission Staff Division 2 Office; District 67 Water Commissioner

- FROM: Katharine Anderson
- RE: Limon Sand and Gravel Resource Pit, File No. M-2024-053 Operator: Mid-States Materials, LLC Contact: Cole Andersen, (785) 235-8444 Sec. 27, Twp. 9S, Rng. 56W, 6th P.M., Lincoln County Upper Big Sandy Designated Ground Water Management District and Upper Big Sandy Designated Ground Water Basin

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- If storm water runoff is intercepted by this mining operation and is not diverted or captured in priority, it must be released to the stream system within 72 hours. Therefore, the applicant must demonstrate that any storm water capture can be release back into the stream within 72 hours. This may require a discharge permit from CDPHE-WQCD. Otherwise, the operator will need a Ground Water Commission approved replacement plan to replace depletions to the respective stream regimes and local aquifer(s).
- The proposed operation will consume ground water by: \boxtimes evaporation, \boxtimes dust control, reclamation, \boxtimes water removed in the mined product, \square processing.

Prior to initiation of these uses of ground water, a replacement plan will be required to be approved by the Ground Water Commission to replace depletions to the local aquifer(s) and the applicant will need to obtain either a gravel pit or other type of well permit, as applicable.

Prior to approving a well permit, the applicant must conduct a field inspection of the site and document the locations of all wells within 600 feet of the permit area. The applicant must then obtain a waiver of objection from all well owners with wells within 600 feet of the permit area or request a hearing before the State Engineer.

COMMENTS:

• Applicant states water from the Town of Limon may be leased during the operation as replacement water.



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• The local Lead Water Commissioner, Brandy Cole, may be contacted at (719) 688-6711, or <u>brandy.cole@state.co.us</u> regarding legal water supplies in the area.