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King Pit, M1987012- Inspection Problems Past Due

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Cc: Jared Ebert - DNR <jared.ebert@state.co.us>

Good morning,

Attached to this email is a Notice of Outstanding Corrective Action Letter for inspection problems noted in the September 2024 Inspection Report sent on November 5, 2024.

Please note you will have 30 days from the date of this letter to address the Outstanding Corrective Action.

A hard copy will be sent as well.

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

Have a great day and a Happy New Year,
Chris

Chris Girardi

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December 31, 2024

Mr. Paul Bottini
Southwest Ready-Mix, Inc.
117 White Pine Dr.
Alamosa, CO 81101

Re: Notice of Outstanding Corrective Actions, King Pit, Permit No. M-1987-012

Mr. Bottini:

On September 5, 2024, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) performed a routine monitoring inspection of the King Pit, M1987-012. As a result of the inspection, the Division cited problems, see below, that had corrective action due dates on or before December 1, 2024. To date, documentation that the problems have been resolved remain outstanding. Please resolve the corrective actions and provide evidence of each resolution on or before January 30, 2025.

Please note that if the corrective actions are not properly addressed, and evidence provided to the Division by the date provided above, the listed problems could be escalated to the level of possible violation and referred to the Mined Land Reclamation Board for further action.

1. INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs and markers

PROBLEM: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted as discussed above by the corrective action date.

2. INSPECTION TOPIC: Acid and Toxic Materials



PROBLEM: A fuel spill has occurred at the site which may have impacted soils, surface water or groundwater.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall immediately remediate the spill and submit a final report to the Division containing at least the following information:

- 1.) A description of how the spill was cleaned up containing at a minimum - the appropriate maps, volumes removed, and photo documentation.
- 2.) Evidence in the form of a receipt that the contaminated soil was disposed of by an approved method (such as sent to an approved landfill, land farming, recycling center, etc.).

3. **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Mine Plan

PROBLEM: The highwalls in the North Pit Area exceed the maximum highwall length of 300 feet in the approved mining plan. The current mine plan needs to be updated and clarified pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-112 (1)(c)(VI). The operator must provide sufficient information to describe or identify how the operator intends to conduct the operation.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall submit a Technical Revision, with the required \$216 revision fee, to update and clarify the current approved mine plan to reflect existing and proposed activities by the corrective action date.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at chris.girardi@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Chris Girardi
Environmental Protection Specialist Intern

cc: Jared Ebert; DRMS

ec: Ben Miller, Lewicki and Associates, LLC
Ralph Martinez, Southwest Ready-Mix, Inc.

