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## Alamosa Pit No.2- Inspection Problem Extension Request

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Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 2:58 PM

To: Paul Bottini <paul@southwayco.com>

Cc: Katie Todt <katie@lewicki.biz>, Jared Ebert - DNR <jared.ebert@state.co.us>

Good afternoon,

Attached to this email correspondence regarding the extension request to address the noxious weed inspection problem identified during the September 2024 Inspection.

A hard copy will also be mailed.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Chris Girardi

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January 29, 2025

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

**Re: Outstanding Corrective Action, Alamosa Pit No.2, Permit No. M-1983-175**

Mr. Bottini:

On September 5, 2024, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) performed a routine monitoring inspection of the Alamosa Pit No.2, M1983-175. As a result of the inspection, the Division cited a problem, see below, that had a corrective action due date of November 8, 2024. The Division sent a Notice Past Due of Inspection Problems letter on December 31, 2024 and on January 28, 2025, the Division received a response.

**1. INSPECTION TOPIC: Revegetation**

**PROBLEM:** A significant infestation of several noxious weeds is occurring at the site. List B noxious weed species observed were Tamarisk, Knapweed, Salt cedar, Canda thistle, and Russian olive. This is a problem at this time for failure to employ weed control for all prohibited noxious weeds in accordance with Rule 3.1.10(6).

**OPERATOR RESPONSE:** Please allow this email to serve as a request on behalf of Southwest Ready-Mix, Inc. to extend the corrective action deadline for the topic of noxious weeds at the Alamosa Pit No. 2 (M-1983-175). An extension of 90 days will suffice to finalize and submit a suitable weed mitigation plan to the Division in addition to formal response to other outstanding items at the Alamosa Pit No. 2. Additionally, an extension of the deadline to slightly warmer months will allow the operator to better evaluate conditions at the site to provide a more thorough and accurate mitigation plan.

**DIVISION RESPONSE:** The Division does not provide approval of a 90-day extension to submit a Weed Control Plan. Given the September 2024 Inspection Report was delivered to the Operator on October 8, 2024, the Division feels that the Operator has had more than sufficient time to develop and submit a Weed Control Plan. The Division grants an extension of **30 days** to submit a Weed Control Plan.



The Division also notes that deadlines for the submittal of documents pertaining to the other outstanding issues at the Alamosa Pit No.2 will be determined by the Mined Land Reclamation Board's Board Order, which has not been issued at the time of this letter.

Please submit a Weed Control Plan in the form of a Technical Revision by **February 28, 2025**. Please note that if the corrective action is not properly addressed, and evidence provided to the Division by the date provided above, the listed problem could be escalated to the level of possible violation and referred to the Mined Land Reclamation Board for further action.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [chris.girardi@state.co.us](mailto:chris.girardi@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Girardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Girardi  
Environmental Protection Specialist Intern

cc: Jared Ebert; DRMS  
Katie Todt, Lewicki and Associates, LLC