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King Pit, M1987012- Inspection Problems Abated Letter

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To: Paul Bottini <paul@southwayco.com>

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Good morning,

Attached to this email is correspondence regarding the inspection problems corrective actions cited as a result of the September 2024 inspection.

A hard copy will also be mailed.

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

Thanks,

Chris Girardi

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February 11, 2025

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

Re: 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. The Division sent a Notice Past Due of Inspection Problems letter on December 31, 2024 and on January 24, 2025, and February 7, 2025 the Division received responses. The Division notes the following regarding the corrective action items cited as a result of the September 2024 inspection.

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.

DIVISION RESPONSE: Photo documentation of the updated sign taken on February 4, 2025, fulfills the requirements of Rule 3.1.12(1). This inspection problem is considered abated.

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.



DIVISION RESPONSE: Photo documentation taken on February 4, 2025, indicates that all three (3) drums have been disposed of. This inspection problem is considered abated. Please provide receipt of disposal when the King Pit dumpster is emptied.

As previously stated in the DRMS letter sent to the Operator on 1/28/2025, please provide documentation that earthwork activities have removed erosion gullies in the South Pit Area and decreased the North Pit highwall length to no greater than 300 feet by **May 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.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Girardi
Environmental Protection Specialist Intern

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