



Memo to File

Date: March 10, 2025

To: Laserfiche File

From: Hunter Ridley, Environmental Protection Specialist

RE: Clear Spring Ranch Pit; Joe Houghten; Permit No. M-1992-074

This revision was initiated by the Division in response to information submitted by the site's Operator in their 2025 Annual Report, received on March 6, 2025. The site representative, Joe Houghten, also reached out to the Division via a phone call on March 4, 2025, to discuss the supplemental information included in the Annual Fee, Map and Report submission. The Permit System listed the site's permitted acreage at 82.10 acres. This represents the original permitted acreage (50.7 acres), and the expanded acreage approved in Amendment No. 1 (31.4 acres). However, Mr. Houghten reported that the site's currently approved acreage amount of 82.10 acres is incorrect. The true site acreage is reported to be 82.8 acres. This discrepancy is down to two factors.

- 1) An updated survey was conducted at the site, which measured the original permitted area of 50.7, which was measured in 1995 as 50.0 acreage. Meaning the Division's acreage of 82.10 acres was overestimated by 0.7 acres.
- 2) Technical Revision TR-001, approved in 1995, increased the original permitted area by 1.4 acres. However, the additional 1.4 acres was never added to the Permit System's formal acreage count, making the Division's acreage count off by another 1.4 acres.

Taking these discrepancies into account, the corrected permit acreage would be $50.0 + 31.4 + 1.4 = 82.8$ acres. The revised acreage was reflected on the Annual Map submitted with the Annual Report. Review of the submitted Annual Map, the Mine Plan Map, and recent aerial imagery confirmed that the revised acreage does not change any of the previously approved permitted boundaries and confirmed that no out of bounds disturbance is present.

This administrative revision revised the acreage values for the Clear Spring Ranch Pit within the Permit System to reflect this correction and survey update. The revised permit acreage is 82.8 acres.

