



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

March 31, 2025

Wyatt Webster
Holcim – WCR, Inc.
1687 Cole Blvd., Suite 300
Golden, CO 80401

RE: Cooley Reservoir & Fulton Wildlife Area, File No. M-1999-034, Acreage Release Request 4 (AR-4)

Dear Mr. Webster:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received an Acreage Release Request (AR-4) for the Cooley Reservoirs and Fulton Wildlife Area on February 24, 2025. The Division conducted an inspection of the site with representatives from Holcim and the City of Thornton on March 28, 2025. Based on the observations during the inspection, the Division determined that the following issue of concern shall be adequately addressed before AR-4 can be considered for approval.

1. A conveyor was observed in the Open Space adjacent to the northeast corner of the Phase 3 mining area. According to the Mine Plan, the conveyor was installed to move mined product from the west side of the South Platte River to the Phase 5 processing area on the east side of the river. As discussed during the inspection, the conveyor will need to be removed from the site before the Division can release the land around it from the permit. The maps submitted with AR-4 show the conveyor corridor within the 276.15 acre release request. Please update the maps for AR-4 outlining the area that will be affected by the demolition and removal of the conveyor. This corridor should be included in the remaining acres in the permit area.

Per Rule 4.17.2, the Division is required to issue a decision within 30 days of the inspection. The decision date is currently set for **April 27, 2025**. Please submit the revised maps prior to this date to allow time for review. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 720-527-1640 or by email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Nikie Gagnon
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Jared Ebert, Senior EPS, DRMS

