



April 2, 2025

David S. Zehner
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RE: Peroulis Brothers Snake River Pit, Permit No. M-2009-079;
Technical Revision (TR-2) Seed Mix Change, Adequacy Review #1

Dear Mr. Zehner,

On March 31, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) filed your Technical Revision request (TR-2) for the Peroulis Brothers Snake River Pit, Permit No. M-2009-079. During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

1. The revised seed mix change document submitted with the application includes two seed mix lists. These lists contain the same set of species but differ in their proposed PLS application rates. Please specify for the Division which PLS rate is the proposed option for the Technical Revision.
2. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.10, 'In those areas where revegetation is part of the Reclamation Plan, land shall be revegetated in such a way as to establish a diverse, effective, and long-lasting vegetative cover that is capable of self-regeneration without continued dependence on irrigation...' The current list of species for the proposed revision is composed of ~ 40% Wheatgrass species and nearly all other proposed species are also with the grasses order. The Division does not consider this to be an appropriately diversified mix. Given the previously failed efforts to revegetate this area, the Division has concerns that a mix which is not appropriately diversified in order or family will continue to fail at the site. Please revise the seed mix to better reflect the requirements of Rule 3.1.10.
3. The Division is currently calculating an updated reclamation cost estimate for the cost to reclaim the Peroulis Brothers Snake River Pit with the revised seed mix. This estimate will be provided to Precision Excavating, Inc. upon completion and may be altered based on adequacy responses provided through this review process.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by **April 14, 2025** in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by such date, please request an extension to the decision due date in order to ensure adequate time for the Division to review the materials. A decision due date of April 30, 2025 has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.



The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or hunter.ridley@state.co.us

Sincerely,
Hunter C. Ridley

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hunter Ridley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "R".

Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Zach Trujillo, DRMS