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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

April 30, 2025

Ty Stogsdill
Lincoln County
103 3RD AVE LAND USE OFFICE
PO box 39
Hugo, CO 80821

Re: Arthur L Schmeiser - File No. M-1985-109
Lincoln County
Surety Release Request (SL-1)
Full/Final Release

Dear Ty Stogsdill:

On April 30, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety considered your request for a financial warranty release. The Division found that reclamation had not been accomplished at this site and denied this request.

Overall, the grading of the site appears to be adequate and adheres to the 3:1 slope requirement of the rangeland post-mining land use. Additional seeding will likely be necessary on the eastern and western slopes. Per conversations with the operator, stabilization measures such as mulching, berms, or an intermediary form of plant cover may be necessary to ensure lasting cover in the bare areas. Given these conditions, this release request is denied at this time. Following a season of additional seeding and vegetation on the bare slopes the site will likely be releasable. Please review the related inspection report for the specific reasons for the financial warranty release denial.

In addition, if you have past due annual fees or unpaid civil penalties, your surety cannot be reduced or released.

In accordance with Rule 1.4.11, any person who can demonstrate that they are directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by an action of the Office, may petition for a hearing before the Board on such action within thirty (30) days of the date of the Office decision, if the decision was a denial, without a hearing. Such petitions for a hearing shall state how the petitioner is directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by the Office's decision, and how the petitioner's interests are entitled to protection under the Act. The petitioner shall list and explain any issue the petitioner believes should be considered by the Board at the hearing on the matter. The petition for a hearing shall specify the application or file number assigned by the Office.



If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (720) 793-2988, or by email at Ben.hammar@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Hammar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Hammar" clearly distinguishable.

Ben E. Hammar
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Trey James

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