

May 30, 2025

Neil Whitmer 1687 Cole Blvd., Suite 300 Golden, CO 80401

RE: Solberg Pit, Permit No. M-1981-044; Technical Revision (TR-2) Mine Plan Change, Adequacy Review #1

Dear Mr. Whitmer,

On May 28, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) filed your Technical Revision request (TR-2) for the Solberg Pit, Permit No. M-1981-044. 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. It is the Division's understanding that the area to be mined has been previously reclaimed. Please confirm for the Division that topsoil will be appropriately removed, segregated, and placed on a designed topsoil pile. If topsoil from this new mining area will be placed in a new area, outside of the topsoil pile areas currently identified on the submitted Mine Plan Map, please add the anticipated topsoil pile storage area to the update Mine Plan Map.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by **June 16, 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 June 27, 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 <u>hunter.ridley@state.co.us</u>

Sincerely, Hunter C. Ridley

Hunter Ridley

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