



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

June 12, 2025

Naomi Etchart
2855 County Road 4
Meeker, CO 81641

RE: Need for State Reclamation Permit, Kritsas Ranch Reservoir Cleanup, LLC, File No. M-2025-029

Dear Mr. Etchart:

On June 11, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your correspondence responding the Division's inquiry, RE: "Is It Mining". The Division has assigned file number M-2025-029 to this project. Please display the file number on any correspondence regarding this specific project.

The information you provided indicates you propose to remove material generated from a reservoir cleanout. The site is located 6 miles north of Meeker. The site consists of 5 acres. Approximately 48,400 cubic yards will be excavated to an approximate depth of 6 feet. The material will be transported off the property and sold on the local market as topsoil for agricultural fields. The equipment used for the project consists of a dragline, loader and dump trucks.

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) has requested the Division make preliminary determinations regarding the need for a mined land reclamation permit. Based on the information provided in your response, it is the Division's opinion the project is a mining operation.

Pursuant to Colorado law, you are required to first obtain a mined land reclamation permit from the Board prior to initiating the mining operation. If you disagree with the Division's determination you may petition the Board for a declaratory order whereby you may obtain an exemption from permit requirements. Such request must be made in writing and must be received no later than ten days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The next available Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

If you have any questions please contact me at (970) 433-8281, otherwise we look forward to working with you through the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

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Amy Yeldell, DRMS

