



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

August 28, 2025

Kevin Van Egmond
Bent County
725 Bent Avenue
Las Animas, CO 81054

Re: Bent Co. State Pit, Permit No. M-2021-005, Mine Identification Problem Abated

Dear Mr. Egmond:

On August 27, 2025, the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received your corrective action documentation for the following problems identified in the Division's July 23, 2025 inspection report:

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM #1: A proper mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site.

This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1).

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, the operation name, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS: Abated. The operator provided photo documentation of the new mine identification sign at the site that meets all requirements.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at (720) 793-3031, or by email at ursula.armstrong@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Ursula Armstrong
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Cc:
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