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**RE: Red Rock Pit, Permit No. M-1978-315, Conversion Application (CN1), Adequacy Letter**

Dear Mr. Cowman:

During review of the CN1 application package it was noted that the proposed Reclamation Plan (6.4.5 (2)) calls for steep final slopes, up to 1H:1V, to be left as bare rock without topsoil or vegetation. The Vegetation Information (6.4.10) submitted with the CN1 application states that the estimated ground cover at the site is 35 percent. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.10 (1), areas where revegetation is part of the Reclamation Plan, land shall be revegetated at least equal in extent of cover to the natural vegetation of the surrounding area. The Division believes that vegetation should be established on the mined slopes during reclamation, in order to prevent erosion and to help stabilize the highwalls. Please demonstrate to the Division how the applicant proposes to comply with Rule 3.1.10 (1).

If you require additional information, have questions or concerns, please contact me at the DRMS Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

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