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Re: Barnhart Pit, M-1984-008

## Dear Tim:

Your inspection report of February 15, 2012 notes that no mining has occurred within the permit for at least five years. Also reclamation is not complete for the previously mined phases. The enclosed map shows the permit boundary in red and the previous mining occurred at the west end of the permitted area.

During February and March, Transit Mix has studied the area to decide if mining is feasible. The permit area and additional land is leased from the landowner for mining. The area contains economic aggregates similar to the present mining area. During this time, Transit Mix has:

- 1. Agreed on a truck haul route from this area to the existing aggregate plant to the east.
- 2. Located an easement for access and conveyor over the Waste Water Plant land.
- 3. Analyzed nearby water wells for mitigation measures during mining.
- 4. Identified an entrance point from Reading Street.
- 5. Introduced the mining idea to the Pueblo Community Development Dept.
- 6. Held a pre-application meeting with the Pueblo County Planning Dept for mining.

Transit Mix has decided to maintain M-1984-008 and submit an amendment to expand the mining into the green area of the enclosed map. We plan that mining will occur from 2013 through 2016 and reclamation will occur from 2017 to 2018. The previously mined area will be re-disturbed by the conveying of rock from the area south of the Waste Water plant to the north for hauling.

We will submit an amendment application by June 29, 2012. Transit will hold at least one neighborhood meeting with nearby water well owners and we want enough time for those meetings to occur prior to the submittal.

Cordially,

Tuttle & Associates

Gary J. Tuttle

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Cc: Bud, Andre, Mark, file

