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Memorandum

Date: April 25, 2012

To: Mined Land Reclamation Board

From: Kate Pickford

RE: Animas Glacier Gravel, Reference No. M-2011-028

Dear Board Members,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) through the Consent Agenda will be presenting to the board an Applicant's request for extension to the 365 day decision date for a 112c application.

On May 20, 2011 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) found a 112c application for the Animas Glacier Gravel (AGG) complete. During the permitting process, the original Applicant was unable to provide valid legal right of entry. Another operator obtained legal right of entry by purchasing the property and the original Applicant submitted a Transfer of Mineral application and Succession of Permit Application application, which was subsequently approved by the Division. The application process progressed after the transfer was complete, but outstanding issues related to drainage at the site have not been completely addressed to the satisfaction of the Division. Due to comments received and delays during the application process, the Applicant is requesting 60 days beyond the 356 day decision deadline to complete the application process.

Enclosures: Consent Agenda Affidavit, 4/19/2012

STAFF SUMMARY FORM FOR
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Date	4/19/2012	Operator	Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.dba Four Corners Materials
Permit No.	M-2011-028	Site Name	Animas Glacier Gravel (AGG)
Specialist	Kate Pickford	Objecting Party	NA

Action:

- ☐ Permit Application with objections
- ☐ Violation
- ☐ Extension of Board-ordered deadline
- ☒ Other (specify) **Consideration of the Applicant's request to extend the decision deadline beyond 365 days after the application was found complete**

Resolution:

This item is for Board consideration of the Applicant's request to extend the decision date 60 days beyond the 365 day period specified in Rule 1.4.1(9). The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) found the original 112c application complete on May 20, 2011. In the interim, the original Applicant transferred the application to the current Applicant, who had purchased the property included in the proposed permit.

Chronology:

- May 20, 2011 - The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) found the application for the Animas Glacier Gravel (AGG) permit complete.
- June 13, 20, & 22, 2011 – The Division received comments from other agencies related to the application. The representatives of the other agencies expressed a desire to have party status.
- June 29, 2011 – The Division sent a letter to the Applicant identifying adequacy issues related to the application, including the fact that the Applicant had an expired lease pertaining to legal right of entry.
- October 19, 2011 - The Division received a transfer of Mineral Application and Succession of Permit Applicant application transferring the permit from Weeminuche Construction Authority to Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.dba Four Corners Materials.
- November 18, 2011 – The Division approved the transfer of the application.
- March 15, 2012 – The Division received documents from the Applicant addressing the outstanding adequacy issues related to the application.
- March 27, 2012 – The Division conducted a pre-operational inspection of the site. Parties who submitted comments were present at the inspection.
- April 3, 2012 – The Applicant submitted further engineering information related to continued concerns about drainage at the site.
- April 18, 2012 – A followup meeting including the Division, Applicant, and parties was held, and concerns were still left unresolved.
- April 18, 2012 – An engineering review performed by the Division's staff engineer identified a number of outstanding issues related to drainage and water management at the site.

Division Recommendation:

- The Board approve the Applicant's request to extend the decision deadline for this application to 60 days beyond the current decision deadline of May 20, 2012.

Operator(s) Signature:

By signing this form, the Operator agrees with the Division's recommendation to the Board.

[Signature]
Operator Signature

4/19/2012
Date

Tabitha Heckman
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 09/16/2015



My Commission Expires 09/16/2015