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Mr. Dustin Czapla Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 101 South 3rd. St, Suite 301 Grand Junction, CO 81501 MAY 0 1 2012 GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

RE: Bunn Ranch Pit, Permit No. M-1980-131, Surety Increase SI-2

Dear Mr. Czapla,

I have received your calculations for reclamation costs for the Bunn Ranch Pit, which were detailed in your letter dated April 20, 2012. Upon reviewing your calculations, I feel the hours listed for the Job Superintendent of 738.89 is over estimated. In fact, the Superintendent hours are approximately 5% more than the total task hours of 702.68.

Construction firms utilize their superintendents to oversee multiple tasks during the course of any project. With this in mind, I feel the number of Job Superintendent hours should reflect approximately 50-percent of the Task hours or 351.34. The reduction in cost for the Job Superintendent should also reflect a reduction in the cost for Reclamation Management and/or administration.

Please consider this request for a reduction in the calculated Financial Warranty and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gayle Lyman

Resource Development Elam Construction, Inc.