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May 14, 2012

Mr. Brian Wells
Dirt Merchant Construction
638 1800 Road
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Re: Wells Pit, Permit No. M-2006-027, Preliminary Adequacy Review of 110c Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Technical Revision Application, TR-01.

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has begun the review process for the above referenced 110c Technical Revision request. The revision proposes to incorporate a weed control plan into the reclamation permit. A review of the application has revealed a few issues and clarifications that must be addressed before the request can be approved.


1. Please specify target weed species of the weed control program.
2. Please specify what methods and herbicides will be used and when applications of herbicides used will be conducted.
3. Please specify timing for spring and fall management applications, in terms of growth phase of the target weeds (ie: Bud to bloom, rosette, bolting, pre-dormant or prior to first frost).
4. DRMS strongly recommends that all weed management events be thoroughly documented and included in the annual report. Documentation should include mapping of location and extent of weed patches, identification of species, specification of weed management methods used, timing of treatment, and any specifics such as herbicide type, mixture strength, application equipment, temperature, weather etc. The report should also include observed results of the effectiveness of the treatment and propose changes when treatments are proven ineffective.

This is a preliminary review. Other issues may arise from other agency comments and as more information is supplied. The decision date for this application has been set for June 11, 2012 provided all issues have been addressed. If the requested information is not received by June 1, 2012 the applicant should request an extension of the decision date or the application may be denied.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. (970) 241-2042.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Marshall", with a stylized, flowing script.

Travis Marshall
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Steve Shuey, DRMS