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May 18, 2012

Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 101 South 3rd St., Suite 301 Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Attention:

Mr. Dustin Czapla, Environmental Protection Specialist

Subject:

West Rifle Pit, Permit Nos. M-1981-006 & M-1995-018

Reference:

DNR Letter Dated May 7, 2012 – Partial Acreage Release Requirements.

DNR Letter Dated April 30, 2010 - Mining Operations with Exposed

Ground Water

Dear Mr. Czapla:

Central Aggregates, Inc. is in receipt of your letter dated May 7, 2012 which outlines additional requirements needed in order to provide partial release of previously reclaimed areas. We provide the following comments:

With respect to "4.17.1 – Operator Requirements", these items will be addressed under separate cover.

Your May 7, 2012 letter states that on April 30, 2012 the Division sent us a letter requiring demonstration of compliance with the requirements of the State Engineers Office regarding the exposure of groundwater by mining operations. Please be advised that Central Aggregates, Inc. has never received any letter dated April 30, 2012 regarding this issue. In addition, you have attached a letter from the DNR dated April 30, 2010, entitled "Mining Operations with Exposed Ground Water". We have researched our files for this letter also, and to date have been unable to locate this documentation.

Nevertheless, please be advised that Central Aggregates, Inc. has previously complied with the requirements of the DNR letter dated April 30, 2010. An Augmentation Plan for the West Rifle Pit was approved by the Water Court on November 28, 2007 (Case No. 06 CW 232), and was subsequently filed with the Division of Water Resources.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned at (970) 625-3598.

Sincerely,

CENTRAL AGGREGATES, INC.

Gilbert T. Lee President

attachments

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