

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**RE: Weimer Pit No. 2, M-1996-031, Surety Reduction, SR-02 approval clarification.**

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, the Division updated the reclamation cost estimate. Based on the current conditions and inflation the estimated reclamation liability was set at \$23,961.00 on January 4, 2012. This was an increase of \$6146.00 from the 2002 estimate and current bond held of \$17,815.00.

Sutherland Brothers requested time to complete reclamation in place of the increase, SI-01. The reclamation was completed and verified on April 24, 2012. Therefore staff approved the reduction and withdrew the increase notice SI-01. In the confusion of other enforcement issues at other Sutherland sites the official approval of the reduction was missed. SR-02 is approved and the bond remains at \$17,857.00 to cover secondary seeding, weed control, and mobilization to the site.

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, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at [russ.means@state.co.us](mailto:russ.means@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Russell Means".

G. Russell Means  
Environmental Protection Specialist II