

# STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY  
Department of Natural Resources

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September 5, 2012

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Permit M-1996-031, Weimer #2, Surety Reduction Request (SR), SR-03, Decision Date.**

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

On August 31, 2012 the Division received Sutherland Brothers request for a surety reduction, SR-03 to account for reclamation conducted at the above referenced permit. All required notices to the County Commissioners, Soil Conservation District, and landowner have been sent per Rule 4.17.2(1). Per Rule 4.17.2 (2) the office has sixty days to inspect the site to determine if the permittee has complied with all applicable requirements. That date is November 5, 2012.

Staff notes that it has documented Sutherlands efforts to complete earth work. Please find attached a summary done in April 2012 that reflects the cost for reclamation for just seeding of the site. Due to the fact the amounts differ by only \$678.00 staff accepted the current amount held as adequate and approved SR-02. Verification of seeding and weed control will need to be accomplished in order to calculate the remaining reclamation liability. In order to reduce the current amount held of \$17,857.00 Sutherlands needs to either; 1) have accomplished initial seeding with clover as required by the approved reclamation plan, 2) final reseeding per the approved plan or 3) both. Please verify for staff that one of these options has been completed prior to any site visit.

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.

Sincerely,

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

G. Russell Means  
Acting Senior Environmental Protection Specialist  
West Slope Field Office Supervisor