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October 2, 2012

Ms. Angela Bellatoni
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1107 Main Street
Canon City, CO 81212

RE: Sharp Gravel Pit (M-2012-036)
Adequacy Review 2 of 112 New Application

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Dear Ms. Bellatoni;

Thank you for your adequacy response to our initial Adequacy Review (8/7/12) for your 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application. DRMS did the pre-operation site visit on September 19, 2012. Based on the field visit, DRMS has additional adequacy questions regarding the permit application.

6.4.4 Exhibit D – Mining Plan

There is an overhead power line that runs roughly east-west through the northern part of the proposed permit area. According to the Mining Plan, this power line will have a 25-foot setback.

- The power line and setback should be shown on Exhibit C-1, Exhibit C-2, and Exhibit F.
- As required by Rule 6.4.4(a)(d), please state the maximum size of area to be worked at any one time.

6.4.6 Exhibit F – Reclamation Plan Map

Please include the location and associated grading around the power line in the northern part of the site.

6.4.12 Exhibit L – Reclamation Costs

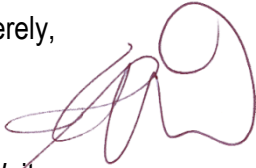
The reclamation cost estimate provided is assuming a 30-acre area of impact. The mine plan indicates that the 320-acre permit area will be mined in approximately 80-acre phases. Please clarify if you are proposing a maximum unreclaimed area at any one time to be no more than 30 acres, including the 10-acre processing plant in the northwestern corner of the site, and if so, how that relates to the 80-acre phasing proposed in the mine permit.

Additionally, please clarify if the bonded mined areas will be reclaimed to the point of acreage release by DRMS prior to moving to the next area for mining. Bonding should cover costs of all disturbed areas that have not been released from warranty, including areas that have been reclaimed but not released by DRMS.

Please remember that the decision deadline for this application is **November 4, 2012**. If you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to this date, **it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of this application**. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, the application will be denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 866-3567, extension 8114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'TC Wait', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

TC Wait
Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Tom Kaldenbach, DRMS