

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Governor

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Executive Director

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

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. 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 Sutherland efforts to complete earth work. However, weather has not been ideal for seeding of the site. On October 10, 2012 Sutherland Brother's requested an extension to the November 5, 2012 decision date to wait for wetter weather. Staff is granting the request and extending the decision until December 3, 2012. Sutherlands should be able to seed the site by then prior to a heavy freeze.

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,

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