

November 29, 2012

Travis Marshall Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Grand Junction Field Office 101 South Third Street, Room 301 Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: Reynolds Pit, Permit No. M-2006-028, Technical Revision No. 1

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This letter is in response to your letter asking for clarification of a few issues with this Technical Revision request.

- 1) It is the permit holder's intension to hold to the commitment of a maximum of 20 acres of un-reclaimed disturbance at any one time. The current disturbance is less than 17 acres and a significant portion of the northeast quadrant of the pit has been sloped and graded. More of the north half of the property will be reclaimed as mining moves into the south half of the property,. This will maintain compliance with Delta County and our existing mining plan and help keep the reclamation bond at reasonable levels.
- 2) The following is part of the adequacy response submitted to Steve Shuey, dated August 14, 2002 when the Reynolds property was permitted as part of the Fedler Pit, Permit No. M-1985-163, Conversion #1.

'The Stormwater Management Plan for this pit calls for the pit floor to be sloped gently to the north and west. Stormwater run off and seepage from irrigation on the fields above the pit will be collected in a ditch along the perimeter of the pit floor leading to a small settling pond in the northwest corner which will then discharge clear water into the existing drainage ditch. The landowner wishes to leave the settling pond in place after reclamation is complete. The ditches around the pit floor will be removed in the final grading operation.'

The original mining plan calls for leaving two feet of gravel on the pit floor for drainage. This was carried over when the pits were split in 2006. There is currently a large area mined to final depth and there is no exposed water in the pit. If water from irrigated fields does seep into the pit, it will be dealt with as described above. The owner has adequate irrigation water rights to cover this situation.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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