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December 13, 2012

Mr. Eric Scott
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Div. of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Request for 4th Extension of Time to Address Adequacy Review Comments for
Amendment (AM-2), Turnpike Mining Resource, DRMS Permit No. M-2004-009

Dear Mr. Scott:

Per our discussion via e-mail today on the necessity for this action, I am officially requesting that Asphalt Specialties Co., Inc (ASCI), the applicant for the referenced amendment, be granted another extension of time for both ASCI and the DRMS to effectively address the most recent adequacy review comments which we received the afternoon of December 10, 2012 regarding groundwater issues. We are requesting that we be granted an extension of approximately three weeks from the previous requested decision date so that we will both have time to have a meeting next week to discuss your latest comments. Given the ensuing two weeks of holiday interruptions between Christmas and New Year's, I assume that the end of this extension request period will be approximately January 7, 2013 based on the end of the previous decision date of December 17, 2012. We would hope to have this amendment approved prior to the January 7th date, but with the holiday interruptions, the latter date should help us all.

Please contact me if there are any questions or concerns you may have with this request for the referenced amendment and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rob Laird
Land Manager

cc: file

Dan Hunt
Peter Wayland