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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
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February 15, 2013

Sue Parker
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***Re: United Companies of Mesa County, Otter Creek Pit File No. M-2012-050, 112
Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application, Receipt of Public Comment.***

Dear Ms. Parker,

The Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received your comments on February 13, 2013. Thank you for taking the time to be involved in the public process. February 13, 2013 was the final day for comments to be submitted and your comments are considered timely (see Rule 1.7.1(2)(a)).

Based on the nature of the comments the Division has classified them as an objection to the permit. If this is incorrect please submit a letter of clarification as soon as possible.

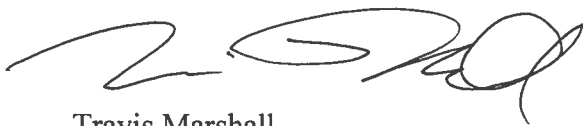
The comments received have been forwarded to the applicant by staff and the Division has asked the applicant to respond to your comments. The Division is currently reviewing the application for adequacy. Many of your issues are the same questions the Division typically asks for clarifications and additional information.

The Decision Date for the application is set for March 18, 2013. If you do not feel the issues have been fully addressed by that date, the Division will issue a Decision Recommendation at the end of March. Staff will then schedule a Pre-Hearing Conference. Per Rule 2.7.1(5) the conference must occur at least (10) working days prior to the Mined Land Reclamation Board Hearing which is scheduled tentatively for April 10-11, 2013. Therefore, the Pre-Hearing Conference would be set for late March. Please be aware that the applicant can request, at their discretion, an extension to the Decision Date for up 365 days of when the application was considered filed per Rule 1.4.1(9).

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, telephone no. (970) 241-2042.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Marshall', with a stylized, cursive script.

Travis Marshall
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Russ Means, DRMS

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