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March 18, 2013

Sue Parker 3535 G Road Palisade, CO 81526

RE: Otter Creek Pit, File No. M-2012-050, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Recommendation for Approval of the Construction Materials Regular (112) Operation Reclamation Permit Application Submitted by United Companies of Mesa County

Dear Ms. Parker:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) has completed technical review of the above referenced application for a Construction Materials Regular (112) Operation Reclamation Permit application. DRMS believes that the applicant has complied with the minimum requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials and the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials, and so therefore are preparing to recommend that the Board approve this 112c permit application over the objections received. The DRMS Rational for Approval will be sent under separate cover.

A Pre-hearing Conference has been scheduled to occur on March 25, 2013, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the DRMS Denver Office located at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203 and the DRMS Grand Junction Field Office located at 101 South 3rd, Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81501. Ms. Sandra Brown will preside as Pre-hearing Conference Officer.

The application will be considered by the Mined Land Reclamation Board during a Formal Public Hearing scheduled for April 17-18, 2013. The Board meeting will be held at the Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, 80203, and commence at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2013 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. Please contact me if you need additional information, or have questions or concerns at (970) 241-2042.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall Environmental Protection Specialist

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