

Casey and Julie Voigt v. Coyote Creek Mining Company, LLC

Case No. RC-23-348

COY-037 Grade Approval Letter and Exhibit

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Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter is in follow-up to grade approval request COY-037 that was submitted on April 11, 2023 for approximately 9.9892 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T143N, R89W in Permit NACC-1302. The postmine land use of native rangeland as depicted on the SPGM respread map is consistent with Section 4.1.2 (Post-Mining Topography and Landuse Map) approved with Revision No. 11 and remains unchanged with pending Revision No. 12. Grade approval is granted based on a review of the submitted materials and a field inspection by PSC personnel. Furthermore, slopes exceeding 12% must be scarified to eliminate slippage prior to subsoil respread as stated in the Soils Handling Plan, Section 3.1.1.1, of the permit.

The proposed topsoil respread depth of 12.2 inches for Voigt ownership postmine native rangeland is approved. The total SPGM respread thickness of 24 inches and 36 inches for the areas depicted on the submitted SPGM respread map is also approved. Blending will be necessary in areas having different total respread thicknesses, but without reducing the thickness of the area requiring the greater thickness, and ensuring the proper drainage through the transition area.

Please be reminded that methods must be used to minimize subsoil and topsoil compaction as specified and approved in Revision No. 2 to Permit NACC-1302. Upon completion of the SPGM respread in the approved area, the area must be stabilized to prevent erosion as required by NDAC 69-05.2-15-04(5) and NDAC 69-05.2-22-05. Slopes exceeding 12% should be seeded and mulched as soon as practical after topsoil respread.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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