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Attn: Lisa M. Thompson, Esq.

Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District Representative

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1600

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Dear Ms. Thompson,

Thank you for the comments you provided on May 21, 2019. The proposed Hale Sand Pit Expansion ("Project") is located on a 150-acre parcel of land within El Paso County and southeast of Peyton, Colorado. The Project currently contains a 9.9-acre sand and gravel mining area located at the southwest corner of the property. The proposed expansion will permit an additional 52.5 acres of land for mining. The proposed expansion will be performed in 10-acre blocks. Each block will be mined and then reclaimed before mining activities begin in the next block.

The Project is located within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District ("UBS District"). The comments provided indicated that the UBS district has concerns that excavation of the additional proposed area would:

1. Expose designated ground water within the UBS Basin.
2. Impound precipitation or runoff.

Mining activities will be accomplished using dozers, loaders and backhoes to mine the sand and gravel. Mining will be limited to an approximate five-foot depth and will not occur to groundwater depths. Groundwater is not anticipated at the proposed excavation depths and will not be exposed.

The topsoil from the site will be used to create an earthen berm and diversion dike along the Brackett Creek Floodplain boundary. The diversion dike will transport runoff to a proposed temporary sediment basin that allow for desilting and then release at historical rates into Brackett Creek. Precipitation and runoff will not be impounded.

After all mining activities have been concluded, the land will be reclaimed using a native seed mix such that it can again be utilized as grazing land for agricultural use.

Sincerely,

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Heiberger".

John Heiberger, P.E.
Project Manager / Associate