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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Sooner Lucky Strike Mine, Permit M-1982-020, Designated Mining Operation (DMO)
Permit Amendment Required, Submittal Deadline Date Determined**

Dear Mr. McGrath,

This office has received your letter dated October 10, 2013, which communicates Aspen Mineral Resources, Inc.'s concurrence with the Division's determination that the Sooner Lucky Strike Mine is a Designated Mining Operation (DMO), and that an amendment which includes an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) is therefore required.

The EPP must meet the requirements listed in Hard Rock Rule 6.4.21, Exhibit U. The EPP must be filed with the Division in the form of an amendment to the permit. Permit amendments are processed the same as a new application and require the same various forms of notice to the public and other agencies. This office will assist you on said notices, if needed.

The Hard Rock and Metal Rules define the Sooner Lucky Strike Mine DMO permit to be a "110d" permit, since it qualifies for a permit under §34-32-110(2)(a) of 34-32-110 CRS (a 110 permit affects less than 10 acres and extracts less than 70,000 tons of mineral or overburden per year). The amendment fee for the 110d amendment is \$1,750 (per Rule 1.5.4(3)).

The required timeframe for filing an EPP amendment is 180 days from the date of the Division's Notice, per Rule 7.2.3(2)(c). The deadline date for the submittal of the Sooner Lucky Strike Mine EPP amendment is set for March 10, 2014.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301; telephone 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,

Bob Oswald
Environmental Protection Specialist

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