



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 14, 2014

Mr. Rudy Torres
Riverside Aggregates, LLC
1750 County Road HH
Lamar, CO 81052

Re: Friederichs Pit; Permit No. M-2010-080; Reason to Believe a Violation Exists and Notice of Board Hearing

Mr. Rudy Torres:

On April 04, 2014, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of Friederichs Pit (Permit M-2010-080) and nearby lands (please see attached inspection report). During the inspection, areas were found outside the affected land that the Division believes have been damaged by the mining operations. Based on the findings of the inspection we believe this is a violation of:

- C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(i) for failure to protect areas outside the affected land from slides and damage during the mining operation and reclamation.

Therefore, the Division has reason to believe that a violation exists to the Mined Land Reclamation Act, C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 *et seq.*, and have scheduled this matter to appear before the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

A Formal Public Hearing will be held during the May 21-22 Board Meeting for consideration of this possible violation. The hearing will be held in Room 318 of 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 21 and May 22 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. At that hearing you will have the opportunity to present your defense.

This is an important legal proceeding and you must appear in person for this hearing. If you fail to appear an order and money judgment may be entered against you. In addition, failure to appear at the hearing may result in legal consequences including, but not limited to, loss of party status and your ability to seek reconsideration from the Board or seek judicial appeal in district court.

If the Board finds a violation at this hearing, it may issue a Cease and Desist Order and/or assess a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 for each day of violation. If you have evidence indicating



that the possible violations noted above do not exist or have been corrected, please provide it to the Division as soon as possible or bring it to the hearing.

All parties have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft of the Board's order before it becomes final. If you wish to do so, you must provide the Board with a written request to review the draft order prior to or at the time of your hearing, or you must inform the Board orally during the hearing that you request to review the draft order. The Board's attorney must receive your comments on the draft order within three calendar days of the date the draft order is e-mailed, unless that deadline is extended by the Board's attorney. Submit all comments in writing, by e-mail or fax, to Mr. John Roberts, jj.roberts@state.co.us, Fax: 720-508-6037.

Please note that the Division has requested and will be allowed to review and comment on the draft Board Order.

The Board's agenda may not be finalized until the week of the Board meeting. Therefore, we recommend you contact the Division's office in Denver, phone (303) 866-3567, extension 8136, on 05/19/2014 to confirm the specific date for the hearing.

If you have any questions about this letter or the hearing, please contact Amy Eschberger at (303) 866-3567, extension 8129.

Sincerely,



Virginia Brannon
Division Director

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