

Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

October 16, 2015

## Re: Dollerschell Pit, Permit No. M-1986-074, 112 Conversion Application, Notice of Formal Board Hearing, Pre-hearing Conference, and Recommendation Date for a 112c Conversion Application

Dear Party and/or Interested Person,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) appreciates you taking time to participate in the review process of the above referenced Permit Conversion. The Conversion Application for the Dollerschell Pit was filed with the Division on March 23, 2015, by Kym A. Schure. (Applicant).

An explanation of the Division's review process, your rights as either a party or a non-party, and the jurisdiction of the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board), is provided in the enclosed 12-page memorandum, Guide to Citizen Participation, dated October 2, 2001, revised January 12, 2006. As noted in the citizen's guide memo, in these proceedings the Division's authority is limited to enforcement of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, 34-32.5-101 <u>et seq.</u>, C.R.S. (Act) and the Mineral Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials, which can be accessed through the Division's website, <u>http://mining.state.co.us</u>.

On May 12-15, 2015, the Division received objections to the Dollerschell Pit Conversion Application. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 1.4.9(2)(a) and 1.7.4(2), the Division has scheduled the application for a Formal Board Hearing for consideration. The hearing has been scheduled for the November 18-19, 2015 Board meeting, which will occur at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. During the hearing the Board will consider the application with objections and may decide to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Conversion Application to the Dollerschell Pit.

Pursuant to Rule 2.7.1, the Division has tentatively scheduled a Pre-hearing Conference to occur between November 2 and 6, 2015. The Pre-hearing Conference will be held to describe the Division's review process, to explain the rights and responsibilities of parties, to discuss and resolve issues to the extent possible, to describe the Board Hearing processes, to propose a list of issues under the Board's jurisdiction, to simplify that list, and to identify parties. The Pre-hearing Conference will occur in the Sterling, CO area. The specific date, time, and location of the Pre-hearing Conference will be forwarded to all parties and interested persons as soon as such can be determined.

Pursuant to Rule 1.4.9, on or before October 23, 2015, the Division shall issue its recommendation to the Board for approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the application. Copy of the Division's recommendation will be forwarded to all parties and interested persons.



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If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at <u>elliott.russell@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Elliott R. Russell Environmental Protection Specialist

Attachment: CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Enclosure: Guide to Citizen Participation

ec w/o enclosure: Wally Erickson, DRMS Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elliott Russell, hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the foregoing Re: Dollerschell Pit, Permit No. M-1986-074, 112 Conversion Application, Notice of Formal Board Hearing, Pre-hearing Conference, and Recommendation Date for a 112c Conversion Application, in the United States Mail, postage paid, addressed to the following:

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