

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 17, 2016

Jim Helmericks Glacier Gravel Products 995 Hwy 3 Durango, CO 81301

## **Re:** J & J Pit, Permit No. M-1985-001, Response to Request for Hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board

Dear Mr. Helmericks,

On April 12, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) sent you a letter titled "Response to Request or Increase in Financial Warranty and Reclamation Cost Estimate, Updated SI02 and Calculations". That letter indicated that if the operator chose to appeal the decision of the financial warranty increase a petition for a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) must be submitted.

On May 12, 2016 the Division received your request for a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board. This notice is to inform you that per your request a formal public hearing will be held during the June 22-23, 2016 Board Meeting. The hearing will be held in Room 318 of 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 22, 2016 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. 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@COAG.gov, Fax: 720-508-6037.

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

The Board's agenda may not be finalized until the week of the Board Meeting. Therefore, we recommend you contact the Board's Secretary, Johnie Abad, at (303)-866-3567, extension 8136 on June 20, 2016 to confirm the specific date for the hearing.



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If you have any questions or concerns about this letter or the hearing please feel free to contact me at the Grand Junction Field Office at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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