



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

August 23, 2016

Rio Blanco County Commissioners
555 Main Street
Meeker, CO 81641

RE: Shale Tech International Services LLC, Duck Creek Mine, File No. M-2013-022, Request for Temporary Cessation Status.

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to inform Rio Blanco County of the intent of Shale Tech International Services LLC to put their mining operation into a state of Temporary Cessation. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirement of Rule 1.13.6 of the Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that Shale Tech International Services LLC, whose address and telephone number are 1354 County Road 246, Rifle, CO 81650; (970) 625 3193, has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Duck Creek Mine mining operation. The mining operation is located at or near Section 24 Township 1S, Range 100W, 6th Prime Meridian, in Rio Blanco County.

The period of temporary cessation will commence on August 16, 2016 and will last up to five years from that date. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-development state.

The receipt of the Notice of Temporary Cessation will be acknowledged in the monthly activity report attached to the agenda of the September 2016 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board unless one or more of the following conditions occurs:



1. Reclamation or performance standard issues are indicated in the Notice of Temporary Cessation.
2. Such issues are indicated by a field inspection of the mine site.
3. Such issues are indicated by a review of the mining operation file.
4. Concerns are expressed about the Notice of Temporary Cessation by interested persons.

If one or more of the above conditions occurs, the Division will place the Notice of Temporary Cessation on the agenda for the October 2016 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether or not to accept the Notice. If you have any questions, please call me at (970) 241-2042.

Sincerely,



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