

October 14, 2016

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: Fedinec Pit, Permit No. M-1977-057, Inspection Problem Abated***

Dear Mr. Brantley:

On May 10, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of the above referenced site. Availability of records was cited as a problem in the inspection report as it appeared that approximately 11 acres have been affected which is larger than the approved 5 acres. Corrective actions required that the operator survey the current disturbance to clarify the total affected acreage to date. The operator shall provide the Division with documentation of their findings, including updated maps by the corrective action date. Upon receipt of this information the Division will make its determination of how to proceed forward and rectify the situation. The corrective action date was August 18, 2016.

On October 14, 2016 the Division received letter from you explaining briefly the sites mining history and Pioneers involvement. Also included was map depicting the total area disturbed to date and areas that have been reclaimed. Both the currently approved 5 acres permit boundary that was submitted by Quillen and the 5 acres Pioneer mined are depicted. This satisfies the corrective action and the inspection problem is considered abated.

Based in information submitted in your corrective action documentation a significant amount of land was affected outside of the approved permit boundary. This matter requires future enforcement actions. A Reason to Believe a Violation Exists and Notice of Board Hearing letter will be sent out under a separate cover.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell, at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,

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