



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

October 31, 2016

Costilla County  
Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 100  
352 Main Street  
San Luis 81152

**Re: Costilla Pit, Southway Construction Company Inc., Permit No. M-1987-040,  
Request for Temporary Cessation Status**

Board of Costilla County Commissioners,

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of the Operator to put their mining operation into a state of Temporary Cessation. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirements of Rule 1.13.6 of the Construction Materials Mining Rules of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that Southway Construction Company Inc., whose address is 117 White Pine Drive, Alamosa CO 81101 and who's phone number is (719)-589-5103, has filed Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Costilla Pit, Permit No. M-1987-040. The Mining operation is located at or near Section 35, Township 1N, Range 73W, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Colorado Principal Meridian in Costilla County.

The period of Temporary Cessation will commence beginning on June 1, 2014 and will last up to five years from that date, ending June 1, 2019. 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 Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-developed state.

The receipt of the Notice of Temporary Cessation will be acknowledged in the monthly activity report attached to the agenda for the November 16-17, 2016 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board unless a written, timely objection is filed by a person directly and adversely affected or aggrieved as defined by Rule 1.1 (38.1) of the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules.

If objections are received, the Division will place the Notice of Temporary Cessation on the agenda for the December 15, 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 require any additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203 or by phone at (970)-243-6368. You may also contact me by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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