

December 19, 2016

Moffat County
County Commissioner
221 W Victory Way #130
Craig, CO 81626



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Rock Pit Mine, Pioneer Sand Company, Inc., Permit No. M-1985-082, Request for Temporary Cessation Status

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of Operator 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 Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that Pioneer Sand Company, whose address and telephone number are P.O. Box 7650, Colorado Springs CO 80933; 719-599-8100, has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Rock Pit Mine mining operation. The mining operation is located at or near Section 9, Township 6N, Range 90W, 6th Prime Meridian, in Moffat County.

The period of temporary cessation will commence the first five year period which began on September 15, 2013, and will last up to five years from that date, ending September 15, 2018. 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 for the January, 2017 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 February, 2017 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether or not to accept the Notice.



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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