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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

February 6, 2017

Mark Balderston
Rock-N-Pine LLC
503 Wise St.
Hamlet, NE 69040

RE: Rock-N-Pine; DRMS File No. M-2003-074; Receipt of Temporary Cessation Request

Dear Mr. Balderston,

The Division received your request for Temporary Cessation of the Rock-N-Pine operation, File No. M-2003-074, on January 30, 2017. As required by Rule 1.13.5(2)(d), the Operator has described the measures to be taken to comply with the performance standards of Rule 3, which include control of noxious weeds. The Division cited a problem for the presence of noxious weeds during an inspection conducted on August 15, 2016. The Operator was required to develop a Weed Control Plan through a Technical Revision, which was to be submitted by December 15, 2016.

Any changes to the Mining or Reclamation Plan must be handled through a Technical Revision. Therefore, prior to placing the Rock-N-Pine operation into Temporary Cessation, the Operator must submit a Weed Control Plan through a Technical Revision. A copy of the Technical Revision form has been enclosed with this letter. Please submit the Technical Revision no later than February 28, 2017. If the corrective action has not been complied with by the corrective action date, the request for Temporary Cessation shall be denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure (1)

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS

