

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

April 24, 2017

Lance Baller High Speed Mining, LLC 8480 East Orchard Rd, Suite 3600 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

RE: Katuska Pit; DRMS File No. M-1991-037; Notice of Citizen Complaint

Dear Mr. Baller,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received two complaints against the above referenced operation on April 22, 2017 and on April 23, 2017. Copies of the complaint letters have been enclosed for your records. The Division is currently reviewing the permit and will contact you if it is determined that an inspection is warranted.

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

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure (2)

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS





Cunningham - DNR, Michael <michaela.cunningham@state.co.us>

COMPLAINT- Katuska Pit M1991037

rrindsig@mchsi.com <rrindsig@mchsi.com>

Sat, Apr 22, 2017 at 7:05 AM

To: "Cunningham - DNR, Michael" <michaela.cunningham@state.co.us> Cc: John Deagan <jdeagan@parkco.us>

Mr. Cunningham,

The operator of the Katuska Pit, M1991037, continues mining activities outside of the boundary of the permitted area.

The attached photographs, taken April 21, 2017, clearly show only some of the activity.

In the photos one can see an office or storage trailer, a yellow tent, portable toilets, large truck, articulated loader, and excavator that are indisputably outside the permitted boundary. These items have been recently moved into the area (they are not seen in the DRMS inspection photos from December 5, 2016).

Also visible is a large tracked mobile feeder/conveyor, which may or may not be outside the boundary.

Not visible, but hidden by trees, are several vehicles, UTV's, smaller items of equipment, etc. that are outside the permitted boundary.

Per our previous conversations, this activity is not permitted, and constitutes mining without a permit. (it is also illegal mining activity in a residential zoned area)

I trust you will immediately look into this matter.

Regards,

Robin Rindsig

Katuska today photos.zip
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COMPLAINT-Katuska Pit M1991037 (ADDITIONAL PHOTOS)

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Cc: John Deagan <jdeagan@parkco.us>

Sun, Apr 23, 2017 at 7:10 AM

Mr. Cunningham:

Attached are photos, taken April 22, 2017, of the gate area into the Katuska Pit. They show a shipping container staged in the area outside the permitted mine boundary, which is also outside the 2.4 acre unauthorized area that resulted in the original penalties. This is in an area requested in the new permit conversion. IT IS ALSO IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONED AREA.

There is other equipment visible through the trees, also.

Please add this to the evidence I presented in my April 22 complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Rindsig

Re Katuska cargo container.zip 1348K







