

May 9, 2017

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Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: West Side Placer, Permit/File No. M-2016-081, Comments Regarding 110(1) to 110(2)
Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Conversion Application (CN-1)***

Dear Mr. Freedman:

On May 2, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received comments regarding the above referenced application from the Division of Water Resources (DWR). Attached is a copy of this comment. Please add it to your for file for your records.

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,

Amy Yeldell

Environmental Protection Specialist
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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Enclosures

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Russ Means, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS
Philip Courtney, Colorado State Land Board





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April 25, 2017

Debra Gonzales
Division of Water Resources
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1313 Sherman Street, Room 818
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Notice of 110(1) to 110(2) Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Conversion Application
Consideration - AuPt Industries LLC, West Side Placer, Permit No. M-2016-081, CN01**

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

Please be advised that on April 25, 2017, AuPt Industries LLC, whose address and telephone number are PO Box 1424, Edwards, CO 81632; (970) 306-1784, filed an application to convert M-2016-081, West Side Placer, a 110(1) Hard Rock/Metal Mining Limited Impact Operation Reclamation Permit to a 110(2) Hard Rock Limited Impact Permit Conversion application. The mining and reclamation operation is located at or near Section 24, Township 12N, Range 94W, 6th Principle Meridian, in Moffat County. The application decision is scheduled for July 24, 2017.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Moffat County Clerk & Recorder's office and at the office of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203.

The application, as well as all other permit documents, can be found at <http://drmsweblink.state.co.us/> by searching **M2016081** in the "Permit No" field. A user guide is available to help first time users of the imaged document system and can be viewed at <http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Laserfische%20User%20Guide.pdf>.

To be considered in the review process, comments or objections on the application must be submitted in writing within ten (10) days of the date of the last newspaper public notice. You should contact the applicant for the newspaper publication date. The Office will assume you have no comment or objection to the proposed activity if none are received by the end of the public comment period.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle S. Ramirez
for ACY

Amy C. Yeldell
Environmental Protection Specialist

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Response to Notice of 111(1) to 110(2) Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Conversion Application Consideration

To: Amy C. Yeldell, Environmental Protection Specialist
From: Justina P. Mickelson, Physical Science Researcher/Scientist
Date: May 8, 2017
Re: West Side Placer (Permit No. M-2016-081)
Operator: AuPt Industries LLC
Part of Section 24, T12N, R94W, 6th PM, in Moffat County

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

CRG Mining, LLC requests to conduct an underground mining and reclamation operation. The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of ground water must not occur during or after mining operations.

According to our records a well has been constructed under permit no. 80109-F, approved to withdraw 25 acre-feet per year for industrial use for placer mining purposes. Currently, the stream system in this location is not overappropriated, however this well may be subject to administration in the water rights priority system in the future. It is recommended that a water court decree be obtained to affirm the priority of the well.

COMMENTS:

This office has no objections to the applicant's request.

The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

