



## COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, Colorado 80203

June 1, 2017

Foster Scott  
The Turquoise Connection, Inc.  
107 Wild Rose Dr.  
Cañon City, CO 81212

**Re: Reason to Believe a Violation Exists and Notice of Board Hearing;  
Scott Blue II; Permit No. M-2007-031**

Dear Foster Scott:

On April 19, 2017, the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of the Scott Blue II and nearby lands. During the inspection the Division observed evidence of uncontrolled erosion to the affected lands and associated damage to off-site lands. Based on the findings of the inspection report, the Division believes this is in violation of:

- C.R.S. 34-32-116(7)(h), for failure to protect areas outside of the affected land from slides or damages occurring during the mining operation; and
- C.R.S. 34-32-116(7)(i), for failure to stabilize and protect all surface areas of the affected land as to effectively control erosion.

Therefore, the Division has reason to believe violations exists to the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act C.R.S. 34-32-101 et seq., and has scheduled this matter to appear before the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

A Formal Board Hearing will be held during the July 26-27, 2017 Board meeting for consideration of these possible violations. The hearing will be held at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup> or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. At the hearing you will have the opportunity to present your defense.

**This is an important legal proceeding and you must appear in person for this hearing. If you fail to appear, an Order and financial judgment may be entered against you. In addition, failure to appear at the hearing may result in legal consequences including, but not limited to, loss of party status and your ability to seek reconsideration from the Board or seek judicial appeal in district court.**

If the Board finds a violation at this hearing, it may issue a Cease and Desist Order and assess a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50.00 to \$200.00 for each day of violation pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-124(7). Pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-124(6)(a), the Board may suspend, modify, or revoke the permit. If you have



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evidence indicating the possible violations noted above do not exist or have been corrected, please provide it to the Division as soon as possible or bring it to the hearing.

All parties have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft of the Board's Order before it becomes final. If you wish to do so, you must provide the Board with a written request to review the draft Order prior to or at the time of your hearing, or you must inform the Board orally during the hearing that you request to review the draft Order. The Board's attorney must receive your comments on the draft Order within three calendar days of the date the draft Order is e-mailed, unless that deadline is extended by the Board's attorney. Submit all comments in writing, by e-mail or fax, to John J. Roberts, First Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Department of Law, (720) 508-6037 (fax), or [John.Roberts@coag.gov](mailto:John.Roberts@coag.gov).

Please note the Division has requested and will be allowed to review and comment on the draft Board Order.

The Board's agenda may not be finalized until the week of the Board meeting. Therefore, we recommend you contact the Board Secretary, Camille Mojar, at (303) 866-3567 ext. 8136, or [Camille.Mojar@state.co.us](mailto:Camille.Mojar@state.co.us) on July 24, 2017, to confirm the specific date for the hearing.

If you have any questions about this letter or the hearing, please contact Elliott Russell at (303) 866-3567, ext. 8132, or [Elliott.Russell@state.co.us](mailto:Elliott.Russell@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Brannon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Virginia Brannon  
Division Director

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Return Receipt Requested

Enclosure: 4-19-2017 Inspection Report M-2007-031

cc: Tony Waldron, DRMS  
Wally Erickson, DRMS  
Elliott Russell, DRMS  
Jeff Fugate, AGO for DRMS