

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

June 7, 2017

Mr. Kirk Daehling Natural Soda LLC 3200 RBC Road 31 Rifle, CO 81650

Re: Nahcolite Project, Permit No. M-1983-194, Receipt of Complete 112 Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Package, AM - 04, Notice of Complete Application.

Dear Mr. Daehling,

On June 7, 2017, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received all required materials for the 112 Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Amendment Application package for the Nahcolite Project, Permit No. M-1983-194. The application is considered complete and technical review can begin. All comment and review periods began on June 7, 2017. The decision date for your application is scheduled for September 5, 2017.

Within ten (10) days after submittal, you must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed mining operation once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Immediately after the first publication, mail a copy of the notice to all owners of record of surface and mineral rights, holders of any recorded easements, and all owners of record of lands that are within 200 feet of the boundary of the affected land. Proof of notice and mailings, such as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, must be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety prior to the decision date. Additionally, any changes or additions to the application on file in our office must also be reflected in the public review copy which has been placed with the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder.

This letter shall not be construed to mean that there are no other technical deficiencies in your application. The Division will review your application to determine whether it is adequate to meet the requirements of the Act.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.2042



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Sincerely,

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