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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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Cotter Corporation  
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**RE: Permits C-LP-21 Mine - No. M1977305, CM-25 Mine - No. M1977307, and SR-13A Mine - No. M197311, Status of Temporary Cessation.**

Dear Mr. Pottorff,

On May 7, 2013 the Mined Land Reclamation Board signed a board order approving Cotter Corporation's (Cotter) request to put the above referenced permits into an initial Temporary Cessation (TC) pursuant to Rule 1.13.5(1)(a) for five (5) years (see attached). Per the request the TC was effective December 15, 2012. Therefore, the TC period ends on December 15, 2017.

Pursuant to Rule 1.13.3 (1): final reclamation at the sites are part of the "life of mine" as described in C.R.S. 34-32-103(6)(b), which is an indication against Temporary Cessation. Therefore, the Division cannot support a second Temporary Cessation.

The Division records and inspections note the three above referenced permitted sites have been fully reclaimed for some time. This meets the requirements of C.R.S. 116 (7)(q) and Rule 3.1.3(2). Since there is no production of ores planned and no approved plans to resume mining, the "life of mine" has reached its permit conclusion. Cotter must request a release of these permits and associated financial warranties pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-110(4) or 117(5.5) and Rules 4.17, 7.2.10, and 7.2.11 within 60 days of this letter.

Failure to initiate the permit release and termination process will result in the Division providing a sixty (60) day notice to appear before the Board for a request to declare the termination of life of mine and order termination of the permits.



If you have any questions please contact me at 970-241-1117, or by email at [russ.means@state.co.us](mailto:russ.means@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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