

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

June 7, 2017

Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners 200 East First Street, Room 104 Trinidad, CO 81082

## RE: Bottomless Pit; File M-2001-068; Request for Temporary Cessation (TC01)

Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners:

This letter is being sent to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of the Operator to put their mining operation into a state of Temporary Cessation.

Please be advised that Tamrock Gravel LLC, whose address is 137 East Plum St., Trinidad, CO 81082 and whose telephone number is (719)846-3034, has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety for the Bottomless Pit operation, File No. M-2001-068. The mining operation is located at or near Section 30, Township 32S, Range 62W, 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian in Las Animas County.

The period of Temporary Cessation will commence beginning March 2, 2017 and will last up to five years from that date, ending on March 2, 2022. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Construction Materials Rules in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-developed state.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) will consider accepting the Notice of Temporary Cessation at the July 26-27, 2017 Board Hearing. Please provide any comments you may have regarding this matter prior to the Board Hearing.

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

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS

