



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 7, 2017

Ken Mushinski
Gus Gaviotis
Cotter Corporation
7800 E. Dorado Place, Suite 210
Englewood, CO 80111-0700

**RE: First Notice of Temporary Cessation for Mineral Joe Mine, Permit M-1977-284,
SM-18 Mine, Permit, M-1978-116, and CM-25 Mine, M-1977-307, Objections received.**

Dear Mr. Mushinski,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received Cotter's letters regarding Temporary Cessation (TC) status for the above referenced mines. Pursuant to Rule 1.13, the Division placed a notice for a first TC on the August 23, 2017 Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) agenda for each site. The Board received comments from INFORM objecting to the TC request. (Enclosed) Therefore, the Division requested a continuance of the matters to a future Board meeting.

Per conversations with Cotter and pursuant to Rule 1.13.6 (d) the Division is scheduling the hearings on these three requests which will be held separately during the October MLRB meeting. A Formal Public Hearing will be held during the October 25~26, 2017 Board meeting for consideration. The hearing will be held at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 25, 2017 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered.

If you have any questions please contact Dustin Czapla at (303) 866-3567 Ext 8188 or by email at Dustin.Czapla@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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