



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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John T. Anderson  
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**RE: Apache Tailings, Operable Unit Seven, California Gulch, Reference # M2012028, Letter of Inquiry Response**

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) would like to thank you for your inquiry into the above referenced site. In the inquiry you ask 35 questions and request that DRMS respond to them. Unfortunately DRMS will not be responding to the questions as most are outside the Division's jurisdiction, request subjective answers and/or personal opinions from DRMS staff.

In an informal email exchange on April 5, 2018 I directed you to the DRMS website and the public document review for this site as well as a link to the Act and Rules that govern the once proposed activities at this site. A review of those documents should answer many of your questions. Please visit: <http://drmsweblink.state.co.us/drmsweblink/> and enter M2012028 to access those documents.

DRMS informed MTAA on September 12, 2013 that a Designated Mining Operation Permit would be required for the proposed activities. DRMS has not received any further documentation or had communication with MTAA since that time. No permit has ever been submitted, reviewed or decision rendered.

Sincerely,

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