



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 23, 2018

Dale Schmidt
472 Meadows Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Re: Schmidt Site, Permit No. M-2011-014, Recommendation to Cease and Desist

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

On May 2, 2018 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted a monitoring inspection of the above listed site in response to several anonymous complaints. The Complaints outlined several concerns including offsite impacts. It is the Division's understanding that the survey required as part of the corrective actions detailed in the Inspection Report dated May 8, 2018 has been completed and there is indeed disturbances outside the permitted area.

At this time it is the Division's Recommendation that the Operator cease and desist all activities on site to prevent further disturbance to any offsite areas, and until all concerns regarding the site including sufficient material for reclamation can be addressed. All concerns and subsequent corrective actions will be addressed at the June 27-28, 2018 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board at the Division's Denver Office. A Reason to Believe a Violation Exists and Notice of Hearing (RTB) will be sent to Operator under a separate cover to provide more details.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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