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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: Nolte Pit #1, File No. M-2012-016, Failure to Complete Reclamation per Rule 3.1.3

Dear Mr. Whiteman:

On June 27, 2013 the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received your annual report where it was declared that final reclamation had commenced. In the annual report it was indicated that mining concluded on September 30, 2012. Per Rule 3.1.3 reclamation shall be completed within 5 years from the date the Operator informs the Board or Office that such phase has commenced, unless an extended by the Board or Office. To date no extension to the reclamation completion deadline has been requested or granted.

The Division acknowledges that several seeding attempts have been made, as well as revisions to the reclamation plan to facilitate successful reclamation. Most recently TR-3 was approved on April 20, 2018. TR-3 revised the reclamation plan and added stormwater features to the final reclamation plan. The Division was notified via email that seeding was to occur on or around May 10th, 2018. It does not appear that stormwater features have been installed. The addition of stormwater features to the reclamation plan was required as the result of previously cited inspection problems.

Failure to comply with the approved reclamation plan is cited as a problem. Corrective actions require that the operator submit a schedule of the remaining reclamation items to be completed by the end of this construction season (October 31, 2018). The schedules should be submitted in the form of a technical revision with the required \$216 fee. Items that need to be addressed on the reclamation schedule are; installation of 5 rip-rap structures and straw waddles (within 60 days), reseeding of disturbed areas (when timing is appropriate) and treatment of noxious weeds. The technical revision request needs to be submitted to the Division by July 11, 2018.



If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,

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