

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

October 23, 2018

Meg Burt Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company P.O. Box 191 Victor, CO 80860

## **RE:** Adequacy Review, Request for Temporary Cessation (TC-01) Providence Mine, Permit No. M-2012-052

Dear Ms. Burt,

On October 9, 2018, the Division received the request for Temporary Cessation (TC-01) for the Providence Mine, Permit No. M-2012-052. The Division has reviewed the content of TC-01 and submits the following comment which will need to be addressed prior to Board consideration of your request. Please respond to this Adequacy Review with the requested information and a cover letter titled "Adequacy Review Response, TC-01, M-2012-052" within 30 days of this letter, due on or before **November 22, 2018**.

1. On the TC-01 request form, the Operator has stated there is no plan to resume operations at the Providence Mine at this time. If this is the case, the Operator should begin reclamation at the site and not pursue temporary cessation. However, the Division understands the Operator views the Providence Mine as a potential asset to the Operator's other mining permit, the Cresson Project (Permit No. M-1980-244) and has decided to place the site in temporary cessation to allow the Operator time to incorporate the Providence Mine into the Cresson Project via its next amendment application or begin final reclamation. Please revise the description of plan to resume operations on the TC-01 request form and re-submit it for further review.

This concludes the Division's adequacy review of TC-01. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at <u>elliott.russell@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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