

March 1, 2019

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: JD-8 Mine, Permit # M-1984-014, Status of Temporary Cessation***

Mr. Gaviotis:

On March 18, 2013 the JD-8 Mine was placed into Temporary Cessation (TC) status. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5(1)(a), the initial period of TC shall be limited to five years. Therefore, the initial TC period ended March 19, 2018.

In order to comply with the Act and Rules, the Division has identified three options for Cotter Corporation to address the conclusion of the initial TC period.

1. Recommence mining operations that meet the definitions of CRS 34-32-103(8) and Rule 1.1(31); or
2. Declare termination of the mining operation and notify the Division that the operation is entering into final reclamation pursuant to CRS 34-32-116(7)(q). The notice shall include an outline of reclamation tasks to be completed and expected timeframe to complete reclamation tasks in order to complete reclamation within five years pursuant to CRS 34-32-116(7)(q) and Rule 3.1.3(2); or
3. Pursuant to CRS 34-32-103(6)(a)(III) and Rule 1.13.5(1)(b), request a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board, at the April 25-26, 2019 Board meeting, for consideration of a second five year TC period. The request must be received by no later than April 1, 2019 and meet the requirements of Rule 1.13.5(3).

Failure to initiate one of the three options listed above by April 1, 2019 will result in the Division initiating enforcement actions in an effort to bring the permit into compliance with the Act and Rules.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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