

April 8, 2021

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Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety

RE: Blue Creek Staging Area, File No M-2021-016 Special 111 Operation

Mr. Czapla,

This letter is to inform the Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety that Cornerstone Materials LLC has generated a response to comments from Chris Mochulsky received by the DRMS April 5th, 2021. Below are bullet point answers to his questions:

- ***The application should be denied for failure to File the Application with the Clerk and Recorder and failure to provide full application online.***
 - Per DRMS 111 Special application requires a copy was provided at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorders office on **2/24/21**, a revision was also sent to the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorders office on **3/19/21** per requirements outlined in the application process.
 - The applicant is not required or has access to DRMS website to post permit documents online.
- ***The application should be denied for failure to provide Fully Executed Financial and Performance Warranties.***
 - Cornerstone Materials LLC has provided all bonding documentation to DRMS and typically that part of the application process is executed upon approval of the application.
- ***Failure to post notice at proposed access to site.***
 - Applicant had posted a sign per DRMS 111 requirements listed in the application and provided a copy of the signed copy in the application per ruling 1.6.2 (1)(b)
- ***Other concerns for Petition for Hearing Pursuant to C.R.S 34-32.5-114***
 - Our operations maintain current Air Quality and MSHA permits that addresses dust, noise, and other health safety concerns. Our employees work near the operations, and we are required to provide them with a safe environment as well as the surrounding community.
 - The Blue Creek Staging Area is located at the East end of the project. This project has already commenced. The schedule impacts and benefits of the project have been discussed in several meetings during the past year. This application supports the construction timeline to expedite the construction schedule by allowing a site close to the project to be used. 12,000 truck loads of material will be hauled within the project limits instead of being transported from Montrose or Gunnison.

Sincerely,



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