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First Bentonite

1 message

Carter, Stephanie S <sscarter@blm.gov>
To: "Cazier - DNR, Tim" <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 2:16 PM

Hi Tim,

Please see attached for the BLM letter. Thanks!

Best Regards,

STEPHANIE CARTER, LPG

Geologist, Program Lead Locatable & Mineral Materials | BLM CO, Royal Gorge Field Office | Dep't of Interior Region 7 | [3028 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212](#) | [719.269.8551](#)

2 attachments

2021 Final Bond Reduction-SIGNED-kb.pdf
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2020 Form 1842-1.pdf
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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Royal Gorge Field Office
3028 East Main Street
Cañon City, Colorado 81212



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DECISION

First Bentonite Clay Mine	:	
Attn: Pam Wedge	:	Surface Management
215 Teller St.	:	
Salida, CO 81201	:	

DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AMOUNT REDUCTION

Dear Ms. Wedge,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducted a final inspection at the Bentonite Pit on July 21, 2021. All required reclamation has been completed according to the reclamation plan on file and the performance standards at 43 CFR 3809.420.

In accordance with 43 CFR 3809.590, the BLM published a notice of final financial guarantee release for your project on September 23, 2021 and accepted public comment for 30 days regarding the final reduction of your reclamation bond amount. The BLM did not receive any comments on release of your financial guarantee.

This decision reduces the estimated reclamation cost from \$11,020 to \$0. BLM will coordinate with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety to initiate final release of your financial guarantee instrument for this project.

Appeal of this Financial Guarantee Amount Reduction Decision can be pursued utilizing Form 1842-1 (Enclosure 2).

If you have any questions concerning this reduction in the financial guarantee amount, please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551.

Sincerely,

KEITH BERGER

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Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office

Enclosure:

- 1 – Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION ON TAKING APPEALS TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS

DO NOT APPEAL UNLESS

1. This decision is adverse to you,
- AND
2. You believe it is incorrect

IF YOU APPEAL, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED

I. NOTICE OF APPEAL.....

A person who wishes to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (not the Interior Board of Land Appeals) a notice that they wish to appeal. A person served with the decision being appealed must transmit the *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed in the office where it is required to be filed within 30 days after the date of service. If a decision is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a person not served with the decision must transmit a *Notice of Appeal* in time for it to be filed within 30 days after the date of publication (43 CFR 4.41 I and 4.413).

2. WHERE TO FILE

NOTICE OF APPEAL.....

WITH COPY TO
SOLICITOR.....

3. STATEMENT OF REASONS

Within 30 days after filing the *Notice of Appeal*, file a complete statement of the reasons why you are appealing. This must be filed with the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior Board of Land Appeals, 801 N. Quincy Street, MS 300-QC, Arlington, Virginia 22203. If you fully stated your reasons for appealing when filing the *Notice of Appeal*, no additional statement is necessary (43 CFR 4.412 and 4.413).

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SOLICITOR.....

4. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

A party that files any document under 43 CFR Subpart 4, must serve a copy of it concurrently on the appropriate official of the Office of the Solicitor under 43 CFR 4.413(c) and 4.413(d). For a notice of appeal and statement of reasons, a copy must be served on each person named in the decision under appeal and for all other documents, a copy must be served on each party to the appeal (including intervenors). Service on a person or party known to be represented by counsel or other designated representative must be made on the representative. Service must be made at the last address of record of the person or party (if unrepresented) or the representative, unless the person, party or representative has notified the serving party of a subsequent change of address.

5. METHOD OF SERVICE....

If the document being served is a notice of appeal, service may be made by (a) Personal delivery; (b) Registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; (c) Delivery service, delivery receipt requested, if the last address of record is not a post office box; or (d) Electronic means such as electronic mail or facsimile, if the person to be served has previously consented to that means in writing. All other documents may be served by (a) Personal delivery; (b) Mail; (c) Delivery service, if the last address of record is not a post office box; or (d) Electronic means, such as electronic mail or facsimile, if the person to be served has previously consented to that means in writing.

6. REQUEST FOR STAY.....

Except where program-specific regulations place this decision in full force and effect or provide for an automatic stay, the decision becomes effective upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing an appeal unless a petition for a stay is timely filed together with a Notice of Appeal (43 CFR 4.21). If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Interior Board of Land Appeals, the petition for a stay must accompany your Notice of Appeal (43 CFR 4.21 or 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10). A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the Notice of Appeal and Petition for a Stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (1) the relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) the likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (3) the likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (4) whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Unless these procedures are followed, your appeal will be subject to dismissal (43 CFR 4.402). Be certain that **all** communications are identified by serial number of the case being appealed.

NOTE: A document is not filed until it is actually received in the proper office (43 CFR 4.401(a)). See 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart B for general rules relating to procedures and practice involving appeals.

43 CFR SUBPART 1821-GENERAL INFORMATION

Sec. 1821.10 Where are BLM offices located? (a) In addition to the Headquarters Office in Grand Junction, CO and seven national level support and service centers, BLM operates 12 State Offices each having several subsidiary offices called Field Offices. The addresses of the State Offices can be found in the most recent edition of 43 CFR 1821.10. The State Office geographical areas of jurisdiction are as follows:

STATE OFFICES AND AREAS OF JURISDICTION:

Alaska State Office ----- Alaska
Arizona State Office ----- Arizona
California State Office ----- California
Colorado State Office ----- Colorado
Eastern States Office ----- Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri
and, all States east of the Mississippi River
Idaho State Office ----- Idaho
Montana State Office ----- Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota
Nevada State Office ----- Nevada
New Mexico State Office ----- New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas
Oregon State Office ----- Oregon and Washington
Utah State Office ----- Utah
Wyoming State Office ----- Wyoming and Nebraska

(b) A list of the names, addresses, and geographical areas of jurisdiction of all Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management can be obtained at the above addresses or any office of the Bureau of Land Management, including the Headquarters Office, Bureau of Land Management, 760 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

(Form 1842-1, September 2020)