



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

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Adams County Commissioners
Commissioners Office
4430 S. Adams County Pkwy
Suite C5000A
Brighton, CO 80601

Re: Notice of Formal Board Hearing, Pre-hearing Conference and Recommendation Date for an 112c New Permit Application with Objections; Kelley Trucking, Inc.; Watkins Mine; File No. M-2019-053

To Whom It May Concern:

An amendment application for the Watkins Mine (M2019-053) was submitted by Kelley Trucking, Inc. on July 1, 2021. The amendment application was considered incomplete and more information was required before it could be considered filed and a review could be on July 9, 2021. On December 1, 2021 the amendment application was denied for failure to submit legal right of entry. The original new permit application has now been scheduled for a Formal Board Hearing on January 19-20, 2022.

The Division received one (1) timely objection to the permit application. Therefore, pursuant to Rules 1.4.9(2)(a) and 1.7.4(2), the Division scheduled the permit application for a Formal Board Hearing for consideration. The hearing is scheduled for the January 19-20, 2022 Board meeting. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. on January 19 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. During the hearing, the Board will consider the application with objections and may decide to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on availability of State facilities and Division resources, notice is hereby given the Board hearing will be by a virtual ZOOM hearing. You must provide an email of all parties to the MLRB Administrator, Camie Mojar at: Camille.mojar@state.co.us, no later than 5:00 PM, January 7, 2022 in order to receive an authorization code to attend the hearing. **Please note that only Parties and those who will be testifying may attend by ZOOM.** All other interested persons may attend the hearing via the MLRB YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDrrAO8bIPFIOWce-yH1fWA>

Pursuant to Rule 2.7, the Division has scheduled a Pre-hearing Conference for Friday January 7, 2022 beginning at 2:00 p.m. and will end no later than 3:00 p.m. The Pre-hearing Conference will be held to describe the Division's review process, to explain the rights and responsibilities of parties, to discuss and resolve issues to the extent possible, to describe the Board Hearing processes, to propose a list of issues under the Board's jurisdiction, to simplify the list and to identify parties. The Pre-hearing Conference will be held online via Zoom and attendees will also have the option of joining the meeting via telephone. The meeting details, including call-in telephone numbers and a link to the virtual meeting will be provided as soon as they are determined. In accordance with Rule 2.7.3(4), any party who does not attend the Pre-hearing Conference forfeits their party status and all associated rights and privileges, unless such party provides a fully executed proxy authorization form to the Pre-hearing Conference Officer and the party's



authorized representative is present at the Pre-hearing Conference. The proxy authorization form is included in the citizen's guide.

In preparation for the Pre-hearing Conference, all parties are strongly recommended to review Rules 2.6 and 2.7. At the Pre-hearing Conference all parties must provide the Division with a copy of a written list of potential witnesses and exhibits for the Board hearing. Pursuant to Rule 2.6(2)(a), the list must include each witness name, current address, and phone number, area of expertise (if expert witness) and the subject matter of the testimony. Pursuant to Rule 2.6(2)(b)(i), for any materials not already in the Division's public files, all parties must provide complete copies of any exhibits for the Board hearing. Pursuant to Rule 2.6(2)(b)(ii), for any materials that are already in the Division's public files, all parties must provide copies of the list of materials to be used with sufficient specificity to describe the exhibit, including but not limited to the specific title or description of each exhibit. The list must also specify where other parties may review and obtain a copy of each exhibit.

Pursuant to Rule 1.4.9(2)(c), on or before December 28, 2021, the Division shall issue its recommendation to the Board for approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the application. A copy of the Division's recommendation will be forwarded to all parties and interested persons.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jared Ebert; Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety