



October 13, 2025

Keith Woodring
Las Animas County
Road and Bridge Dept.
2000 N Linden Ave
Trinidad, CO 81082

RE: Extension Request Approval, Arnold Pit, Permit No. M-2018-019, Inspection Problem Corrective Actions

Dear Mr. Woodring,

On October 10, 2025, the Division received your request for an extension to the corrective action date, currently set for October 14, 2025, for the following inspection problem cited in the Division's report for the September 12, 2025 inspection of the Arnold Pit:

INSPECTION TOPIC: General Compliance with the Mine Plan

PROBLEM: Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5-year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the Operator is required ask the Board for a 5-year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

The Division **approves** your extension request. The new corrective action deadline has been extended to **October 22, 2025**.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber M. Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amber" and last name "Gibson" clearly distinguishable.

Amber M. Gibson
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety