

July 16, 2012

Russ Means Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Grand Junction Field Office 101 S. Third St, Room 301 Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

RE: Request for Extension of Decision Date for Cotter Corporation Amendment for JD-8 Mine, Permit #M-1984-014 Submittal

Mr. Means:

In consideration of the timing associated with the recent submittal by Cotter Corporation of Cotter's Response to the Adequacy Review # 2 for the Amendment AM-01 for the JD-8 Mine, Permit # M-1984-014, Cotter Corporation is requesting an extension of the decision date for this amendment until July 18, 2012. Cotter's request is based on providing the Division adequate time to review the Response document.

If you have further questions, or comments, regarding the amendment AM-01 for JD-8, please call me at Cotter's Nucla office, 970-864-7347.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams Vice President of Mining Cotter Corporation