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***RE: Sooner Lucky Strike Mine Ltd, File No. M-1982-020 , Technical Revision (TR1)
Request, Adequacy Review***

Dear Mr. Renda:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced Technical Revision request in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the *Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act* (Act) and the associated *Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations* (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before TR1 can be considered for approval.

1. TR1 was submitted by John McGrath of Aspen Industrial Inc. Please verify that Mr. McGrath is authorized to request permit revisions on behalf of Aspen Mineral Resources, Inc.
2. According to Rule 3.1.11, buildings and structures constructed in conjunction with the mining operation may remain on the affected land after reclamation at the option of the Operator and Landowner if such buildings and structures will not conflict with the post mining land use. Please inform the Division of whether the buildings and structures proposed through TR1 will remain after reclamation, and if so, provide written consent of the Landowner.
3. The permit area shown on the 2011 Annual Report map, which was included with the TR1 submittal, differs in shape from the actual permitted area approved by the Division. In order to ensure that all of the previous mining disturbance and disturbance proposed through TR1 are contained within the currently approved 8 acre permit area, please provide a map showing the current and proposed disturbance as it relates to the surveyed permit area. If you are uncertain what the currently approved permit area is, please contact me.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, August 10, 2012.

If you require additional information or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the
DRMS Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin Czaplá", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the line.

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