STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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FROM: G. Russell Means, Environmental Protection Specialist

RE: Nuvemco, LLC., October Ore Pile, File No. M-2008-050, Request for Temporary Cessation Status.

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of Nuvemco, LLC. to put their mining operation into a state of temporary cessation. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirement of Rule 1.13.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that Nuvemco, LLC., whose address is 650 Linden Ave., Boulder Colorado, 80304-1011, has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the October Ore Pile mining operation. The mining operation is located at or near Section 4, Township 50N, Range 19W, 10th Prime Meridian, in Mesa County.

The period of temporary cessation will commence the first five year period which will begin on September 30, 2012 and will last up to five years from that date. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-development state.

The receipt of the Notice of Temporary Cessation will be acknowledged in the monthly activity report attached to the agenda of the November 14~15, 2012 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board unless one or more of the following conditions occurs:

- 1. Reclamation or performance standard issues are indicated in the Notice of Temporary Cessation.
- 2. Such issues are indicated by a field inspection of the mine site.
- 3. Such issues are indicated by a review of the mining operation file.
- 4. Concerns are expressed about the Notice of Temporary Cessation by interested persons.

If one or more of the above conditions occurs, the Division will place the Notice of Temporary Cessation on the agenda for the December 12~13, 2012 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether or not to accept the Notice.

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If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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