

# STATE OF COLORADO

**DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY**  
Department of Natural Resources

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Mesa County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 20,000  
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**RE: Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc., Whirlwind Mine, File No. M-2007-044,  
Request for Temporary Cessation Status.**

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to inform Mesa County of the intent of Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc. 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 Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc., whose address and telephone number are 225 Union Blvd. Suite 600, Lakewood, CO, 80228; (303) 974-2140, has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Whirlwind Mine mining operation. The mining operation is located at or near Section 36 Township 51N, Range 20W, 10th Prime Meridian, in Mesa County.

The period of temporary cessation is retroactive and will commence on September 19, 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 February 2013 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 March 2013 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether or not to accept the Notice. If you have any questions, please call me at (970) 241-2042.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Marshall', written over a horizontal line.

Travis Marshall  
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Ryan Ellis  
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