

# STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY  
Department of Natural Resources

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February 19, 2013

RE: **Notice of Hearing for acceptance of Notice for Temporary Cessation Status over objections.**

Cotter Corporation: SR-11 Mine, File No. M-1977-451, SR-13A Mine, File No. M-1977-311, JD-6 Mine, File No. M-1977-310, JD-9 Mine, File No. M-1977-306, C-LP-21 Mine, File No. M-1977-305, and JD-7 Mine, File No. M-1979-094HR.

To: All Identified Parties

This letter is to inform identified parties that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received written comments of objection pertaining to the intent of Cotter Corporation to put the above referenced mining operations into a state of temporary cessation (TC) on February 12, 2013.

The Notices of TC were posted on the February 13, 2013 agenda of Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) pursuant to Rule 1.13.6 (1). Based on the comments received the Division requested the MLRB schedule a hearing pursuant to Rule 1.13.6(2) (d). The MLRB granted the Division's request and directed staff to schedule the hearings for the March 2013 MLRB meeting. The Board directed that the hearing be limited in scope to those issues submitted in writing on February 12, 2013.

A formal board hearing has been scheduled and will be held during March 13~14, 2013 Mined Land Reclamation Board meeting for consideration of issues in regard to acceptance of the Notices of TC. The hearing will be held in Room 318, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All parties have the right to be represented and heard at the hearing.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Russell Means".

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