



March 7, 2013

Travis Marshall  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety  
Grand Junction Field Office  
101 S. Third St, Suite 301  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

RE: Request for Extension for Decision Date for SM-18 Mine, Permit No. M-1978-116,  
Amendment (AM1)

Mr. Marshall:

Cotter Corporation is currently awaiting a response to the previous adequacy reviews submitted for the SM-18 Mine Permit Amendment, Permit No. M-1978-116, received from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS). Cotter Corporation is requesting an extension of the decision due date for the SM-18 Mine Permit Amendment (AM1) from March 11, 2013 until May 1, 2013. Cotter is requesting this extension for the response to the decision date to provide time for a more complete review.

If you have further questions regarding this request please call me at Cotter's Nucla office, 970-864-7347.

Respectfully,

Glen Williams  
Vice President of Mining