

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Director

Re: Revenue Mine, Permit M-2012-032, Hard Rock/Metals 112d-1 Permit, CDPHE-WQCD  
Discharge Permit

Dear Mr. Williams,

Enclosed is the Division's report of the March 1, 2013 inspection of the Revenue Mine. This cover letter is intended simply to emphasize the importance of obtaining the CDPHE Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) discharge permit. As was discussed between DRMS staff and Star Mine Operations personnel prior to this inspection, and again during the inspection, it is important that the WQCD discharge permit be obtained as promptly as possible, in order that mining-related effects to the hydrologic balance are minimized and so that there are no undue delays in mine development activities. The WQCD permit will define the water quality standards that must be met by the operation, which may be affected by and will affect the practices and structures that are implemented onsite.

Please be reminded that because the present site discharge situation is temporary, but was implemented without full review by DRMS staff, it is important that the WQCD discharge permit be obtained promptly, and that DRMS is promptly informed of its issuance.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301; telephone 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,

Bob Oswald  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Encl: 3/1/13 inspection report

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