

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
Department of Natural Resources

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May 3, 2013

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Executive Director

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Director

FROM: G. Russell Means, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

RE: Cotter Corporation, JD-8 Mine, Notice of Request for Temporary Cessation Status.

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of Cotter Corporation to put the above referenced mining operations into a state of temporary cessation (TC). This letter is sent pursuant to the requirement of Rule 1.13.6 (1) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that on March 18, 2013 Cotter Corporation whose address is P.O. Box 700, Nucla, Colorado 81424 filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the permitted JD-8 mining operation. The mining operation is located Township 46 N, Range 17 W, and in Section 20 on or near Monogram Mesa in Western Montrose County.

The first period of temporary cessation will commence on March 18, 2013 and will last up to five years from that date until March 18, 2018. 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 Notice of Temporary Cessation will be placed on the monthly agenda of the May 15-16, 2013 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board may consider acceptance of the notice so long as there are no issues with performance or reclamation standards via inspection, file review, and no concerns are expressed by interested persons who would be adversely affected or aggrieved.

Please submit written comments regarding the matter to the Division by no later than 5:00 PM, May 13, 2013.

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".

G. Russell Means
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist
West Slope Field Office Supervisor Grand Junction / Durango

Attachments: Notice of Temporary Cessation, Gold Eagle Mining Company, 3/1/13

Cc: Cotter Corporation
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