

Stanton, Irene

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Denise Lytle

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To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Adopt strong uranium mining rules to protect Colorado's water

Mar 2, 2010

Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board members
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Lulu Garton

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Subject: FW: DRMS Hardrock Mining, Prospecting, and Bonding Rulemaking

From: Mark Youker

Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 11:41 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: DRMS Hardrock Mining, Prospecting, and Bonding Rulemaking

To Ms. Stanton:

The current *Rulemaking to Amend the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations* raises some concerns for me as an engineer. I hope you can appreciate that those of us who work in technical fields must rely on scientific principles to accomplish our jobs successfully. But too often it seems the Rules and Regulations are written more with political concerns in mind than operable science. The result is gross inefficiency that does not provide additional health or environmental protection for the increased costs of compliance. A few minor changes to your draft Rules will address several of these problems.

First, you should remove the word "potentially" in the affected water section. Use of that term is inappropriate for two reasons. The term is not authorized by the HB 1161 and it left undefined in the Rules. Undefined and indefinable terms create uncertainty that results in higher costs without associated benefits. Without additional benefits from its use, it should simply be removed.

Second, Operator should be required to supplement their original baseline site characterization with all additional data they acquire after receiving their permit. To do otherwise would force an operator to drill all its wells prior to even having the authority to do so. Once again, confusion is created and the result is inefficiency not additional protection.

Finally, two simple points that I believe don't need further explanation: Bonding should only be required for actually permitted activities, not suspected future activities; and prospecting activities should remain confidential.

Please rethink the draft Rules and insert these common-sense changes to reduce the confusion that will be created by the draft Rules. Thank you.

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From: On Behalf Of Michael Joines

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To: Stanton, Irene

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Mar 2, 2010

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