

3809 (Office Code)  
Case File Number

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Operator Name :  
Address :  
City, State Zip Code :

**Acknowledgement of Notice**

This is your formal notification that your proposed notice level operations filed pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.300 may begin once the following conditions have been met:

1. You have obtained all necessary federal and state environmental permits before beginning, as required pursuant to 43 CFR 3809. (See 43 CFR 3715.5(b) and 43 CFR 3809.420). While it is not necessary for you to forward any permits you obtain to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at this time, you may be asked for them during subsequent surface management inspections of your operation.
2. You post a financial guarantee as required under 43 CFR 3809.500.

You must not begin any level of surface disturbance greater than “Casual Use” before these conditions have been met.

If you do not supply a financial guarantee within 60 days from your receipt of this letter and you have not maintained contact with the BLM during that period, the BLM will consider your notice withdrawn and update our records accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [*phone number*] or contact [*program specialist name and contact information*].

Sincerely,

[*Signature*]  
Field Manager

## Determination of Required Financial Guarantee Amount

3809 [office code]  
[serial number]

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

### DECISION

ABC Mining, Inc. :  
Attn: Kevin Smith, General Manager : Surface Management  
P.O. Box 3013 :  
Frostbit Falls, Montana 59555 :

### DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AMOUNT

The ABC Mining, Inc. (ABC) Notice to conduct exploration trenching and drilling in [insert project area name] was received in this office on [insert date filed]. The Notice has been assigned Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file number [insert #]. Please refer to this number in any future communication concerning this project. [If there were previous communication with the operator regarding the Notice, e.g., an acknowledgement or completeness letter, you would have told them the receipt date and case file number then, and do not need to repeat it.]

The BLM has reviewed the Notice and determined it is complete, containing all the information required by the surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809.301. The BLM has reviewed the proposed operation and determined it is adequate to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation as defined by 43 CFR 3809.5.

Amount of Financial Guarantee - This office has reviewed ABC's reclamation cost estimate for this project and determined that the amount of [insert dollar amount] is sufficient to meet all anticipated reclamation requirements. The amount of the reclamation cost estimate is based on the operator complying with all applicable operating and reclamation requirements as outlined in the Notice and the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.420.

Line items in the approved reclamation cost estimate are not to be considered as the limits of the reclamation expenditures should forfeiture of the financial guarantee be necessary. The line items listed are solely for the purpose of arriving at a total amount for the financial guarantee (see enclosure 1). This amount may be spent as the BLM deems necessary to implement the approved reclamation plan. The financial guarantee amount does not represent reclamation liability limits or constraints should the actual cost of reclamation exceed this amount.

Required Financial Guarantee -The financial guarantee in the amount of [insert dollar amount] must be submitted to and accepted by the [insert name and address of the BLM office that will

*adjudicate and accept the financial guarantee*]. You must receive written notification from that office accepting and obligating your financial guarantee before you begin any surface-disturbing operations.

The types of instruments that are acceptable to the BLM for financial guarantees are found at 43 CFR 3809.555. Please contact [*insert adjudication office contact and phone number*] for forms and further information regarding acceptable financial guarantees.

The BLM's review of your proposed operations, determination that your Notice is complete, finding that the activity will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation, and decision concerning the amount of the required financial guarantee does not relieve you, the operator, of the responsibility to comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements. You are responsible for preventing any unnecessary or undue degradation and for reclaiming all lands disturbed by your operations.

This decision does not constitute certification of ownership to any entity named in the Notice, recognition of the validity of any associated mining claims, or recognition of the economic feasibility of the proposed operations.

Term of Notice - Your Notice will remain in effect for 2 years from the date of acceptance of your financial guarantee by the state office, unless you notify this office beforehand that operations have ceased and reclamation is complete. If you wish to conduct operations for another 2 years after the expiration date of your Notice, you must notify this office in writing on or before the expiration date as required by 43 CFR 3809.333. You will also have to submit an updated reclamation cost estimate at that time.

#### Appeal of the Decision Determining the Required Financial Guarantee Amount

[*Include appeals language*]

If you have any questions, please contact me at [*phone number*] or contact [*program specialist name and contact information*].

Sincerely,

[*Signature*]  
Field Manager

2 Enclosures

- 1 - Reclamation cost estimate worksheet
- 2 - Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals

cc: [*State Office*]  
[*Other applicable parties (state, claimant{s}, etc.)*]