

## **Question on M1977-208 Inspection Report**

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Hello Bart,

If mining were to cease at the Dowe Flats Mine, we would need to have discussions with the operator regarding their future plans for the Lyons Quarry plant. If they plan to continue operating the plant (without Dowe Flats), they will most likely need to revise the mine permit. The permit can be revised through submittal of a Technical Revision or Amendment application, depending on what they propose. A proposed change in post-mining land use (e.g., from rangeland to industrial/commercial - to leave the plant for final reclamation) and/or a significant change to the reclamation plan must be reviewed through the Amendment process. The review period for a 112c permit Amendment application is 90 days. However, the operator can request extensions of the initial decision date, and it is not uncommon for the review period to take several months longer.

Notice of an Amendment application is sent to various local, state, and sometimes federal agencies (this would include the county and any municipalities located within 2 miles of the site). Notice of the application is also sent to landowners and adjacent landowners. Additionally, the operator must place notice sign(s) at the mine site, place a copy of the application for public review with the County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and publish a newspaper notice in the locality of the mine site once a week for four consecutive weeks.

The public comment period for a 112c Amendment application begins when the application is filed, and ends 20 calendar days after the date of the last newspaper publication. There is no public comment period for Technical Revisions.

To learn more about the public notice procedures for an application, I would recommend reading our Construction Materials Rule 1.6. I'm attaching a copy of these rules for your convenience (you can also view/download them from our website at https://drms.colorado.gov/rules-and-regulations).

Best Regards,

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