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Subject: Division Order to Complete Reclamation, Petroteq Energy LLC, TMM Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/0089, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Podlipskiy:

Under Utah Admin. Code R647-4-102, a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) remains in effect for the life of the operation. However, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) considers the life of the operation to have ended when an operator no longer has right of entry. The Division has received notification that Petroteq no longer has right of entry to conduct operations on this property. As a result, the Division hereby directs Petroteq to complete reclamation at the TMM Asphalt Ridge Mine as per the reclamation plan outlined in the Notice and per Petroteq's reclamation contract:

Required reclamation activities include:

- Decommissioning of all equipment and dismantling of the plant.
- Proper haulage and disposal of all equipment including any hazardous materials, chemicals or petroleum products that require special handling and disposal procedures.
- Backfilling and regrading of the open pit mine.



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- Revegetation of all disturbance areas including the plant site, all storage areas, and the open pit mine using the Division-approved seed mix outlined in the Notice.

All demolition and regrading reclamation work must be completed by July 30, 2022. Revegetation seeding work should be completed in late fall and no later than November 30, 2022. Furthermore, the landowner has indicated that the processed sand stockpiles that are on the site have value and are to remain on-site and NOT be used for reclamation.

Failure to comply with this Division Order will result in the Division filing a Request for Agency Action to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to forfeit the reclamation surety held for this mine in the amount of \$385,672. If you have any questions, please contact the permit lead, April Abate at 801-232-1339, or me at 801-538-5263.

Sincerely,



Wayne Western  
Minerals Program Manager

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