

U. S. Department of Labor

Mine Safety and Health Administration
P O Box 25367
Denver, Colorado 80225



BY HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Jeff Harris, Safety Manager
Star Mine Operations, LLC
1416 Country Road 26
Ouray, CO 81427

Dear Mr. Harris:

You are hereby notified that the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has determined that a Pattern of Violations exists at the Revenue Mine, Mine ID 05-03528. The determination was made on the basis of violations of mandatory health or safety standards at the mine that could significantly and substantially (S&S) contribute to the cause and effect of safety or health hazards pursuant to § 104(e) of the Mine Act, as described in the attached Notice.

On August 28, 2014, MSHA began its screening of mines for a Pattern of Violations (POV) pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 104 and MSHA's *Pattern of Violations Screening Criteria (2014)*. The screening revealed that for the 12-month period ending July 31, 2014, the Revenue Mine met MSHA's screening criteria for a pattern of violations. MSHA carefully considered if there are sufficient mitigating circumstances that could justify not issuing this POV Notice, or if there are mitigating circumstances that could justify a decision to postpone the issuance of this POV Notice to reevaluate conditions in the mine. MSHA determined that there are no mitigating circumstances to justify not issuing, or postponing issuance, of this POV Notice.

If upon any inspection within 90 days after issuance of this Notice, MSHA finds any violation of a mandatory health or safety standard that could significantly and substantially contribute to the cause and effect of a coal or other mine safety or health hazard, MSHA shall issue an order requiring the operator to cause all persons in the area affected by such violation, except those persons referred to in Section 104(c) of the Mine Act, to be withdrawn from, and to be prohibited from entering such area until an Authorized Representative of the Secretary determines that such violation has been abated. This POV Notice will terminate if, upon an inspection of the entire mine, MSHA finds no S&S violations of mandatory safety and health standards. The enclosed Notice of Pattern of Violations shall remain posted at the Revenue Mine until it is terminated by an Authorized Representative of the Secretary in accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 104.4. At any time, you may request an inspection of the entire mine or portion of the mine in order to satisfy the requirements for terminating this Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Laufenberg".

Richard Laufenberg
District Manager
Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health, Rocky Mountain District

cc: Dan Kaesemeyer Miners' Representative