

Mine Permit Revision Comment Letter Template

[Your Name / Organization]

[Address]

[City, State, ZIP]

[Email / Phone]

[Date]

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Comments on Permit Revision [Permit Number] – Proposed Modifications to Surface Mining Operations at [Location]

I am submitting the following comments regarding the proposed permit revision for **[location or mine name]**. I am concerned that the requested changes may significantly impact environmental, health, and community conditions.

1. Water Resources

- The revised plan may increase runoff, sedimentation, or contamination of local streams, rivers, or groundwater.
- Baseline monitoring data must be updated to reflect current conditions, and mitigation measures should address any new or expanded risks.

2. Land Disturbance and Reclamation

- Proposed expansion or changes to mining boundaries may affect previously undisturbed land.
- Reclamation plans should be updated to ensure proper soil stabilization, vegetation reestablishment, and post-mining land use.

3. Air Quality and Dust

- Changes in mining operations may increase dust, particulate matter, or emissions from equipment and blasting.
- Updated air quality monitoring and mitigation strategies should be provided.

4. Noise and Blasting

- Modifications to blasting schedules, locations, or frequency may affect nearby residents, wildlife, and sensitive structures.
- The permit revision should include revised safety protocols, notification procedures, and monitoring plans.

5. Environmental Justice

- Changes in the mining plan may disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, including low-income neighborhoods or communities of color.
- Additional outreach and consultation with affected residents should be conducted.

6. Cumulative Impacts

- The revised permit should include an updated assessment of cumulative impacts from the existing mine and any proposed changes.
- Consideration should be given to downstream or offsite environmental and social effects.

Requested Actions

1. Provide updated baseline data for water, air, and soils.
2. Conduct a thorough environmental review of the revised permit area.
3. Ensure public notification and opportunities for comment on the revisions.
4. Include enforceable mitigation measures to protect local communities and ecosystems.

Thank you for considering these comments. I urge the agency to carefully evaluate the potential impacts of the permit revision and to require strong protections before any approval is granted.

Sincerely,

[Your Name / Organization]

[Address]