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Dear Dr. Nielson: *Diane*

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 1990, notifying me of the latest developments regarding enforcement activities at the Blazon Mine.

I am extending my deadline for resolving the dispute with Mr. Jack Otani, the landowner, until November 1, 1990. I expect that this should give the Board sufficient time following the October 17 board hearing to bring this matter to a close.

I remain concerned that these delays may make reclamation work impossible this year because of the approaching winter season. Please do whatever you can to assure resolution of this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

W. Hord Tipton
Deputy Director
Operations and Technical Services

cc: Albuquerque Field Office