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Dear Dr. Nielson: *Dianne*

This letter constitutes my final decision regarding ten-day notice number 89-02-116-002 and reflects our July 17, 1990, site review of the reclamation status at North American Equities ~~Blazon No. 1 Mine.~~

As I discussed in my January 9, 1990 decision letter, backfilling and grading of surface areas incident to underground mining must comply with the provisions of UMC 817.101. Essentially, this would include restoration to the approximate original contour in a manner that ensures the stability of the backfill. Based on my review of this site, I am concerned that the areas above and adjacent to the location of the portals have not fully met these requirements.

I will, however, grant your agency a period of thirty days after receipt of this letter to order the permittee to perform the additional work necessary to achieve the approximate original contour and stabilize the backfill. During this same period, I trust that your agency will take measures necessary to resolve the conflict with the landowner concerning the retention of the concrete pad and the final reclamation of this area. In the event these conditions are not satisfied within the time prescribed, I hereby order a Federal inspection which will require reclamation of the entire permit area to the approximate original contour in a manner which ensures stability of the backfill.

Sincerely,

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