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March 4, 1976

Mr. Dan H. Hunter
Western States Coal Corp.
2330 South Main Street
Suite 6
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Re: Dog Valley Coal Mine
#43-015-002

Dear Mr. Hunter,

The Division has reviewed Western States Coal's notification of intent and reclamation plans. Mr. Daniels and I visited the Dog Valley Mine on February 25th, along with Mr. Jeff Brinton of the Division of State Lands. The reclamation plan looks good and the housekeeping at the mine is much improved over the Division's last visit! The Division will publish a "Notice of Intent" in a local paper and a Salt Lake City paper, as per the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

If after 30 days of publication, no objections of substance are received, the Division will grant final approval, contingent upon the posting of a reclamation bond by Western States Coal Corp. Any bonding agreement worked out between the Division of State Lands and Western States Coal Corp., concerning the leased land including Special Lease Agreement #365, will fulfill this Division's bonding requirements.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

JAMES W. CARTER
GEOLOGIST

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