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Mr. Allen D. Klein, Administrator
Western Technical Center
Office of Surface Mining
Brooks Towers
1020 Fifteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Attention: Mr. Floyd Johnson

RE: Western States Mineral Corporation
J. B. King Mine
ACT/015/002
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Klein:

Recently the Division became aware of some confusion regarding the lease status of the above-cited mine. The Division and Western States Mineral Corporation have considered the J. B. King Mine, formerly known as the Dog Valley Mine, to be a State mine in that all surface areas and mineral leases associated with this operation were State owned. Regardless, upon submission of the Mining and Reclamation Plan in March 1981, Western States Mineral Corporation delivered seven copies of the plan to the OSM simultaneously. (Refer to enclosed March 23, 1981 letter.) Subsequently, upon receipt of the plan by the MMS (USGS), a letter (copy enclosed) was sent from that agency to the Division stating that the particular lease now in question (SL-062712) had been transferred to the State. Unfortunately, it appears that the MMS (USGS) neglected to inform the OSM of this lease transfer.

After a thorough review of our files, the Division concludes that the J. B. King Mine is indeed a State mine. Should you have any questions, or should you possess further information on this subject of which the Division is not aware, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

MARY M. BOUCEK
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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cc: Jim Smith, DOGM