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March 16, 1982

Mr. Bryon Smith
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RE: Compliance Status
J. B. King Mine
INA/015/008
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

In response to your request, March 12, 1982, I have enclosed a copy of a September 23, 1981, inspection report (dated November 8, 1981), listing several compliance problems that were to be addressed prior to reactivation of the J. B. King Mine. As the mine has not yet been reactivated, these problems need to be addressed now in accordance with UMC 817.131.

Historically, drainage maintenance and topsoil protection problems have been evident since March 1981. Compliance actions taken in response to NOV group #N81-3-5-4 (issued on April 17, 1981) were adequate for termination of the notices but were not designed for the lack of maintenance resulting from the suspension of operations May 8, 1981.

A complete inspection will be conducted prior to reactivation of the J. B. King Mine to examine transfer agreements and ensure on-the-ground compliance with the performance standards and the approved permit.

If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Division as this type information is always available to the public. As you may have noticed, I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr. O'Donnell to keep him informed.

Sincerely,

SANDY PRUITT
RECLAMATION OFFICER

Enclosure

cc: Michael O'Donnell, Western States Minerals Corporation

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Octob 8, 1981

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

DOGM Inspector Sandy Pruitt and OSM Inspector Ron Sassaman were granted a brief tour of the J. B. King Mine on September 23, 1981, after checking with the guard at the mine office.

Several compliance problems were noted during the inspection. As the mine may be reactivated soon, it is important that these problems be thoroughly addressed during a complete inspection of the mine operation prior to reactivation. Several predominant and reoccurring problems were:

1. Drainage control grades and ditches were poorly maintained. As a result, culverts were obstructed and deep gullies had eroded in several locations throughout the operation.
2. Stockpiled topsoil was inadequately protected and marked.
3. Perimeter markers were not posted.
4. No consideration to raptor protection of power lines was evident.
5. The inlet to the sediment pond was washed out again.

Mr. Michael H. O'Donnell, land and contract coordinator for Western States Minerals Corporation, should be contacted for a complete inspection of the mine operation prior to reactivation.


SANDY PRUITT
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Michael O'Donnell, Western States Minerals Corp.
Inspection Staff

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Statistics:

See Knight Mine memo dated October 7, 1981
Grant: A & E