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RE: Reclamation Commitments and Annual Submittals, Western States Minerals, J. B. King Mine, ACT/015/002, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

The approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the J. B. King Mine incorporates commitments to conduct an annual subsidence survey and submit results to the Division. These data have not been submitted to the Division. In addition, the operator has committed to erect fencing and posting warning signs where subsidence crack infilling has not been successful.

The MRP also includes commitments to:

1. An annual visual inspection of reclaimed areas;
2. Sampling woody plant density during the 1986, 1988 and 1990 growing seasons;
3. Sampling vegetative cover during the 1988 and 1990 growing seasons; and
4. Providing the Division with an SCS range assessment of the reference area every three years, starting with the first year of liability period. The first assessment will be due in 1988.

It appears that the operator is not in compliance with regard to submitting annual subsidence survey results. Moreover, we recommend that the operator include in the 1986 annual report, results of the visual inspection of reclaimed areas and woody plant density sampling for 1986.

Future annual reports should include not only results of subsidence surveys, but other vegetative information for the time periods indicated above.

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