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Local Telephone (303) 690-7402Mr. Richard V. Smith
Acting Permit Supervisor
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203Re: Reclamation and erosion control work at the J. B. King Mine, Emery County,
Utah.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In a telephone conversation with Bill Warmack of your Provo office, he informed me that during an inspection of the reclaimed mine site last week he observed that the contractor had used a backhoe on the site to perform erosion control repairs. The backhoe left tracks and did some damage to the vegetation during this extremely dry period. Our instructions to the contractor, Mr Jim Blackburn of Salina, was not to use equipment on the site, but to repair the sediment fences and repair ditches using hand labor. We either did not make it clear to Mr. Blackburn not to use the equipment, or he chose to use the backhoe anyway.

Since there are some tracks and damage to the revegetated areas on the site, Western States Minerals will agree to rip this recently compacted soil as needed and reseed those areas as required to repair the damage. This work will be done at the same time this fall as portions of the road within the perimeter fence, which were to be ripped and reseeded in any case. This work will be coordinated with Brent Stettler to make sure it fits within the approved reclamation plan for the site.

It is unfortunate that this additional damage to the revegetated areas occurred. In the future I will make sure the contractor understands the work to be done and the methods to be used to prevent further problems and to stay within the approved plan.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel A. Bamberg

cc: Bill Warmack
Brent Stettler
Allen Gordon