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RE: Submittal of Material for the Abatement of N91-35-6-1, J.B.King mine, Western States Minerals Corporation, ACT/015/002, Folder #5, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis

The information required to abate violation N91-35-6-1 was due on July 6, 1993, material was received on July 8, 1993. The violation should not be abated because of deficiencies in the submitted information. However, Lowell Braxton suggested that a telephone call could verbally amend the deficiencies.

Analysis

The operator was required to resubmit Map JBK-1, Revision (1) to include the area of augmented seeding and to be certified by a Professional Engineer. The operator did submit the map however, (1) the of augmented seeding is dated 1980 instead of 1989 and (2) the idea of allowing the feeder and main ditch to "naturally come to equilibrium" is shown on the map by designating the existing, premining, and ultimate drainage channel. I spoke with Larry Berg, Western States Minerals, concerning the requirement to designate areas of augmentative rill and gully repair prior to their submittal of the map. My understanding of the conversation was that they were going to designate the area to the best they could for submittal of the map and then field verify. Apparently he understood differently and states in the cover letter that they are presently mapping these areas in the field and will forward the information as soon as possible. Therefore, the map and abatement of the violation should be denied.

The amendment pages to the permit were also resubmitted. These also must be denied because of the reference to "let the site seek natural drainage", the allowance of on site maintenance at the operators discretion, and denial of acid and toxic conditions of the refuse material.



Recommendation

A phone conversation with Larry Berg, July 12, 1993, corrected the map per Lowell Braxton's suggestion. The permit amendment pages must be denied.