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November 17, 1994

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Re: Clarification of Reclamation Issues, Western States Mineral Corporation (WSMC), J. B. King Mine, ACT/015/002, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gerick:

The Division is in receipt of your November 11, 1994 letter, in which you request further clarification of four issues at the J. B. King Mine site. Our phone conversation of November 15, discussed these issues and the following is our written response to each of the four items.

1) Erosion Control Measures for Refuse Pile Side Slopes The Division agrees with your assessment of this issue.

2) Division Responsibility for the Vegetation Test Plots For the most part the Division agrees with your statement for this issue, however, we suggest that the last sentence be changed to read as follows: The Division is willing to reimburse WSMC for all reasonable costs associated with the earthen placement, soil amendments, and reseeding; and assumes responsibility for the vegetation test plot area as outlined in the Division's October 19, 1988, correspondence from Lowell Braxton to Robert Hagen.

3) Bond Clock Set Back The Division agrees with your assessment of this issue as long as it is understood that smoothing of the old drainage channels contemplates minimizing the impact to the existing vegetation of the area. Also, excluding parts of the site from bond clock set back may effect how the overall site would be measured in regard to vegetation performance criteria at bond release.

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4) Reclamation Bond Requirement Your statement is correct. There would be no increase in the bond for the proposed activity.

It is believed that these clarifications will provide you the assurances you need to proceed with field work and abatement of the subject NOVs. We encourage you to proceed as quickly as possible. We anticipate doing an evaluation of the work near the end of November or the first part of December.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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