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Re: Finalization of Reclamation Plan Review, Western States Minerals Corporation, J. B. King Mine, ACT/015/002, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gerick:

The Division has completed a review of your revised reclamation plans for the J. B. King Mine site. Your plans are considered adequate to allow the proposed construction to proceed with the following conditions.

1. That the sides of the refuse pile be covered with a minimum of 4 feet of suitable cover material.
2. That an effective measure be implemented to control erosion of the refuse pile slopes.
3. That analysis of the excavated channel material as well as the sewage sludge be provided in order to determine their suitability for use as cover material.
4. Upon decommissioning, the old channel areas must be softened to blend in with the existing surroundings and provide areas beneficial to plant growth. Disturbance to existing vegetation should be avoided.
5. Construction of the main channel must, at a minimum, meet the criteria of a 100 year-6 hour storm. Excavation must be evaluated in the field to insure that coal or other detrimental materials, unearthed during construction, are adequately handled and that channel slopes will remain stable per the criteria outlined in the approved PAP.
6. Within 30 days, your NOV abatement and accepted reclamation plans must be formatted for insertion to the overall J.B. King Reclamation Plan in order to bring it up to date. Eight (8) copies will need to be submitted.

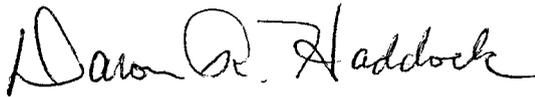
We encourage you to proceed with the construction activities as quickly as possible.

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While your plans are adequate to allow construction at the site to proceed, there are still a number of problems with your proposed methods to determine a revegetation and erosional standard for the minesite. As discussed on the phone, the Division is willing to facilitate a meeting between our technical staffs to work out an acceptable solution to this problem. It is agreed that at the conclusion of this meeting, criteria for evaluating revegetation and erosion at the J. B. King minesite will be established. A facilitator may be utilized if necessary. It is also understood that if an acceptable method cannot be agreed upon, Western States Minerals Corporation may request a hearing before the Board pursuant to R645-300-200. The meeting should be scheduled within the next 30 days. Please call to make arrangements.

We appreciate your help during the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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