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December 31, 1998

E.M. Gerrick, V.P. of Operations
Western States Minerals Corp.
250 South Rock Blvd., Suite 130
Reno, Nevada 89502

Re: Submittal of Annual Report for 1998, Western States Minerals, J.B. King Mine, ACT/015/002, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gerrick:

Enclosed please find the form for filing an Annual Report for 1998 for coal mining and reclamation operations. Please note that two new submittal requirements are included this year. First, is raptor survey data, and second is documentation regarding abandonment of noncoal waste underground.

Also enclosed is a computer disk containing the form in two different formats. I hope that this will serve to simplify the annual report process. Please submit two copies to the Division by March 31, 1999 by addressing it to the following:

Utah Coal Regulatory Program
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

For filing purposes, it is respectfully requested that annual reports are submitted in white loose-leaf binders with the "mine name", "mine number", and title "1998 Annual Report", on both the front cover and the spine.

If you have any questions, please call me at 801-538-5306, or one of the three coal program managers: Daron Haddock, (801) 538-5325, Joe Helfrich, (801) 538-5290, or Pam Grubaugh-Littig, (801) 538-5268. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director, Mining

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