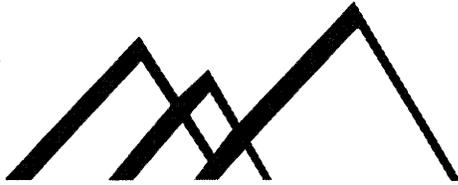


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Dec. 20, 1999

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Supervisor
Coal Program-DOGM
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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ACT/015/002 #2
copy Pam
(new amendment)
CQC

RE: Minor Permit Amendment to ACT/015/002 – J.B. Mine

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Please find attached an application for a Minor Permit Amendment for the J.B.King Mine – Permit # ACT/015/002. This amendment addresses a proposed modification of the revegetation success standards for bond release. In Section UMC 783.19-Vegetation Information, the permit currently calls for revegetation success criteria for bond release to include a measurement of vegetation cover and production; comparing the reference area with the reclaimed site. WSMC, respectfully, requests the removal of vegetation production as a criterion for bond release.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please call me at your earliest convenience at (775) 856-3339. Thank you for expeditiously handling this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Gerick".

E.M. (Buzz) Gerick
Vice President of Operations

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Transfer Exploration Bond Release

Permit Number: ACT/015/002

Title of Proposal: Modify vegetation success criteria for Bond Release

Mine: J.B. King

Permittee: Western States Minerals Corporation

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: Remove requirement for measurement of vegetation production as a criterion for bond release

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
- Yes No 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? modify vegetation success criteria
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
- Yes No 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

E. Gerick Dec. 20, '99
 Signed - Name - Position - Date
E.M. Gerick, V.P. Operations

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of DECEMBER, 1999.

Joanne McMaster
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: MAY 10 2001
 Attest: STATE OF NEVADA
 COUNTY OF WASHOE



JOANNE McMASTER
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