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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 1999, 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 1999 for coal mining and reclamation operations.

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, 2000 by addressing it to the following:

Utah Coal Regulatory Program
 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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 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 "1999 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 coal program managers: Daron Haddock, (801) 538-5325 or Pam Grubaugh-Littig, (801) 538-5268. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
 Associate Director, Mining