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December 11, 1998

RE: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF SEDIMENT POND AT J. B. KING MINE

Coal Program Supervisor
Division Of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Dear Program Supervisor:

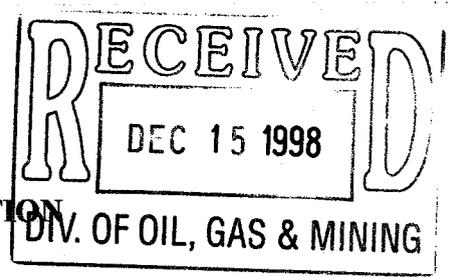
ACT/015/002 #6

Enclosed is the annual certification report for the sedimentation pond at Western States Minerals' J. B. King Mine. This certification is being submitted as required by R645-514.

Sincerely,

Wesley K. Sorensen, P.E.

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1998 ANNUAL SEDIMENT POND CERTIFICATION
J.B. KING MINE

The incised sediment pond at the reclaimed J.B. King Mine was inspected by Wesley K. Sorensen, P.E., on December 11, 1998. The area was dry and virtually snow free. The ambient temperature was 51°F with no wind. The pond had water in it and was covered with about 2" of ice.

No signs of structural weakness were observed on the incised pond. There are several minor erosion rills running just south of the northeast collector ditch in a westerly direction into the pond and along the north side of the main collector ditch. None of these small erosion channels threaten the stability of the pond in any manner. All erosion from the rills ends up in the pond. This type of erosion is characteristic on the surrounding slopes through out the Dog Valley area.

The spillway was in as constructed condition during the inspection with an outlet elevation of 6250.5 ft. There was no evidence of discharge from the pond since the spillway was constructed.

Ice and water was in the pond at the time of the inspection. The elevation of the ice surface near the center of the pond was 6246.00 ft. The sediment is at an elevation of 6243.55 ft near the center of the pond. There is room in the pond for an additional 4.5 ft of water prior to discharging out of the newly constructed spillway.

A copy of the field notes is attached.

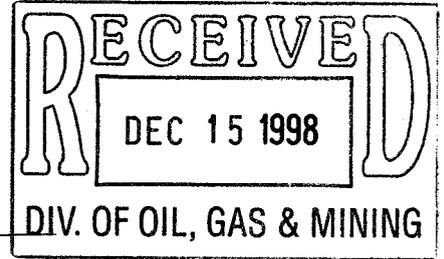
I certify that the above description accurately represents the condition of the J.B. King Sediment Pond as observed during my inspection conducted on December 11, 1998.


Wesley K. Sorensen, P.E.
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ANNUAL SEDIMENT POND INSPECTION
J.B. KING MINE



DATE 12/11/98
INSPECTOR Wesley K Sorenson P.E.
WEATHER CONDITIONS Clear, Calm 51°F

1. Structural Weakness:

A. Cracks or scarps on crest None

B. 1. Cracks or scarps on slopes (interior) None observed

C. Sloughing or bulging on slope None

2. Major Erosion Problems:

A. Slopes Minor on east side, south of new collector ditch entrance

B. Diversion ditches Inlet to pond on NE ditch reestablished & cleaned

C. Spillway As constructed condition

3. Visible Sumps or Sinkholes in Slurry Surface:

Describe None

4. Impounded Waters:

Depth 2.45 ft

Surface Elevation 6246.00

5. Storage Capacity: 6243.55

Sediment Elevation 6244.55

Height to Spillway 6.95'
~~6.45'~~

Measured @ center of pond

6. Spillway: Spillway Elevation ^{6250.15} ~~6251~~ ft (Reference)

Spillway Condition Clear & clean

7. Inlet:

Clogging: Clear

Erosion: ~~none~~ none

8. Seepage:

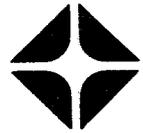
Specify location, color and approximate volume.

None

9. Other Comments:

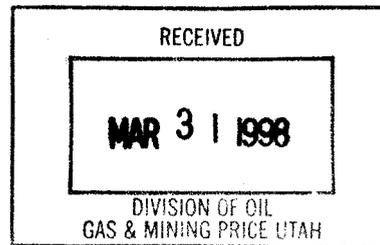
Pond had about 2" of ice

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Re: *Submittal of 1997 Annual Reports*
Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine
INA/015/004; Folder #2
Emery County, Utah

Dear Ms. Wright:

Enclosed are 2 copies of the Annual Report for 1997 for the Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine.

The report is filed in the format provided by the Division.

Sincerely,

Dan W. Guy
for
Paige B. Beville

cc: *Paige Beville*
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