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Western States Mines
 4925 Van Gordon Street
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Attention: Mr. Al Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon:

At last inspection, we discussed the matter of sediment pond quarterly inspection and reports with Sam and Jim. Sam indicated that Jim would be the field inspector for the Sediment Pond Inspections.

Attached is a sample copy of the Sediment Pond Inspection Report. We would suggest that you have a qualified engineer instruct Jim on how to conduct a Sediment Pond Inspection and preparation of the report. This would be to your advantage and Jim's, as Jim is not an engineer.

Please inspect the sediment pond quarterly and prepare a report on the attached form. Send the original copy of the report to the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, Attention Rich Smith. The report should be submitted to him each quarter.

Some excerpts from the Utah Coal Regulations you may wish to review and find helpful include the following:

UMC 817.46 - Sediment Ponds:

Pg. 173 Par. (r) - Each pond shall be designed xxx and certified after construction by a registered professional engineer.

Pg. 176 Par. (h) - Certification report shall include

- monitoring and instrumentation
- existing storage capacity
- stability/erosion

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Pg. 173 Par. (t) - All ponds shall be examined quarterly for structural weakness, erosion, and other hazardous conditions and reports sent each quarter to the Division.

If you should have any questions or we can assist you, please contact me or Rick Smith.

Sincerely,



William J. Malencik
Reclamation Specialist

BJM/lap
Enclosure
cc: Sam Bamberg
Rick Smith

POND INSPECTION REPORT

POND: _____

LOCATION: _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(1) Potential Safety Hazards	_____ _____ _____
(2) Slope Stability	_____ _____ _____
(3) Erosion	_____ _____ _____
(4) Construction and Maintenance Performance Standards	_____ _____ _____
(5) Recommendations/Comments	_____ _____ _____

I have performed the above inspection on this pond and do hereby certify it to be a true and accurate representation of the pond at this time.

Date