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George M. Poulson
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Interwest Mining Company
P.O. Box 310
Huntington, Utah 84528

RE: Cottonwood Mine
Mine ID No. 42-01944
North Sediment Pond
ID No. UT09-01944-12
Final Impoundment Abandonment

Dear Mr. Poulson:

MSHA personnel have reviewed the request for a jurisdictional determination and possible abandonment of North Sediment Pond, dated January 20, 2016. The North Sediment Pond has an embankment elevation of less than 20 feet and a storage volume less than 20 acre-feet. Therefore, the referenced pond does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR § 77.216(a). The above referenced impoundment is approved for final abandonment.

The referenced impoundment identification number will be removed from the mine file. MSHA inspection and reporting requirements no longer apply to the referenced structure.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Ron Gehrke at 303-231-5587 or Matt Lemons at 303-231-5570.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell J. Riley".

Russell J. Riley
District Manager