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Mr. Ward D. Morby
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Dear Mr. Morby:

Re: Reclamation Status of the Boyer Mine, INA/043/008 and the Blackhawk Mine, INA/043-001, Summit County, Utah

I am responding to your letter of September 21, 1990, which addressed the reclamation status of the above-noted mines. I share your concern for ensuring that hazardous conditions at each of these inactive operations be addressed in a timely manner. I am pleased to report that there have been some recent actions to resolve some of those problems.

At the Boyer Mine, permanent mine portal closure was initiated during the week of October 1, 1990. Bond forfeiture proceedings are in progress at this time, and upon acquisition of these funds, the Division will proceed with final reclamation including site cleanup, grading and seeding. I anticipate this being accomplished by fall, 1991. I hope you agree that by ensuring permanent portal closure, the most severe safety hazards at the Boyer Mine have been addressed. The Division will continue to inspect this site.

At the Blackhawk Mine, we are fortunate in not having the hazards associated with open portals. The Division has recently concluded bond forfeiture activity for this operation, and plans to contact surface owners to discuss maximizing these funds for the reclamation of this site. My goal is to have the grading and revegetation seeding for this site completed by fall, 1991. As with the Boyer site, my staff will continue to inspect this site.

Thank you for the frankness of your letter. I believe we have turned the corner and that reclamation of both sites can be accomplished in the next year.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne R. Nielson".
Dianne R. Nielson
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