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Mr. Lon Thomas
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Re: Revegetation Requirements, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Santa Barbara Quarry, S/013/006, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On August 20, 2002, I visited the Santa Barbara Quarry in Duchesne county to see what the vegetation looked like. As you recall, Lynn Kunzler and I inspected the site last spring and recommended that you seed in the fall. My understanding from Lynn is that you seeded last spring.

The enclosed inspection report discusses my observations and recommendations. I could not see any signs of growth from seeded species, but there is a chance that with the good late summer and fall rains we have had, some of the seed might have germinated. I have seen a lot of seedlings at other sites. I recommend that you inspect the site this fall and see whether you can find seedlings. If not, I suspect most of the seed you planted last spring has died or was eaten, and, in this case, I suggest that you reseed this fall. If you do see seedlings, it would be best to ensure they are not cheatgrass before deciding not to reseed.

I apologize for not sending you this inspection report and letter earlier. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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