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Weston Hansen
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Re: Acceptance of Notices - Inspections Required for Variances, Quality Building Stone, Inc., Red Chief Mine S/015/083 (ML-48109-MP) and Snow White Mine S/015/084, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for the additional information amending the two Notices recently submitted to the Division. The information was received on October 29, 1999 addressing both the above mentioned operations. The Red Chief Mine, S/015/083 is located in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 16 T19S, R10E, SLBM, on State managed lands. The Snow White Mine, S/015/084 is located in SW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 15, T19S, R13E, SLBM on BLM managed lands.

The additional information provided was identical for both operations. The proposed excavation at each site will be approximately 200 feet by 200 feet. The proposed sites have no overburden. The stone will be drilled and blasted for removal of stone blocks at each site. Waste materials will be removed or used as fill for final slopes.

This additional information satisfies the requirements for a small mine notice. The two amended notices do satisfy the notice requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. Please be advised that the Division's acceptance of your notices does not relieve you from receiving the appropriate approvals from the BLM or SITLA.

As previously stated, the Division cannot grant a variance without a documented site inspection. Without documentation of the existing site disturbances the variances you are requesting may not be granted. If the Division, BLM or SITLA staff cannot inspect the site before you begin operations you must document the existing site disturbances prior to beginning any work. The photos will be used to determine if a variance is warranted. If there is no documentation of pre-existing conditions a variance cannot be granted and you will be responsible for complying with all applicable Reclamation Practices at this site. Please contact the appropriate agencies prior to beginning operations to schedule a possible site inspection.

Enclosed for your reference are copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1 and SMO-2). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

If you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the sites. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: summary of operating and reclamation practices
cc: John Blake, SITLA (ML-48109-MP)w/10/29/99 operator response
Dean Nyffeler, BLM Price Field Office, w/10/29/99 operator response
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