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Mr. Wilford Ruf
Crater Exploration, Inc.
1624 South Pioneer Road
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Dear Mr. Ruf:

RE: Reclamation Work, ACT/019/016 and ACT/019/017, Grand County, Utah

Division staff recently took the opportunity to visit both the original CATO Placer Sand #1 site and the CATO #1 and Nancy sites on the Taylor Livestock property. Following are the Division's comments on the reclamation work done at these sites.

The original CATO Placer Sand #1 site was regraded in 1984 and appears stable. Natural vegetation growth is invading the area. There is still some equipment left onsite. The Division would like to remind Crater Exploration that the approved postmining land-use of this area is agricultural. The bond cannot be released until a minimum of three years after the area is reclaimed to its approved land-use.

The Taylor Livestock property looked good from an overall perspective. The CATO #1 site appeared stable and both invading and seeded species were in evidence. The Nancy site was not as well reclaimed. The following problems were noted:

1. There was still a fair amount of debris and trash at the site.

2. There were several small tailings piles that had not been buried.

3. Cement pads were only buried to a depth of one foot, rather than the two to two and one-half foot depth required by the Division.

4. There was evidence of erosion in the channels around the pad and the drainage outlet to the river was blocked by a road bank.

None of these concerns present serious immediate environmental or safety problems. Since the area is privately owned, the Division will not require any further work if the landowner is satisfied with the job done. However, if we are notified by the landowner that he would like to see any further work done, the Division will enforce that request.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any assistance.

Sincerely,

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