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Re: Request for Annual Report for the Year 1996

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The enclosed annual report form(s) for the mine(s) referenced below should be completed and returned to this office by January 31, 1997.

Mine No.	Mine Name
M/021/004	Escalante Silver Mine
M/053/004	Apex Mine

These reports are required by Rule R647-4-121 of the Division's Amended and New Rule, Minerals Reclamation Program, effective December 1, 1988. This report is required regardless of annual mine activity, unless you have received a written waiver or formal release from continued reclamation obligations from the Division. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program

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