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RE: Request for Extension of Time for Review of Reclamation Surety Estimate for Nielson Sandstone Quarry, M/023/012, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

We received your request for a map of our Nielson Sandstone Quarry for use in reviewing the quarry's surety estimate. In that letter, you gave us 60 days to submit the map. We request that time be extended for another 60 days, so that we may complete a notice of intention to revise our mining operations in the Nielson Sandstone Quarry.

We are in the process of preparing a new mine plan for the Nielson Sandstone Quarry. We are working with EarthFax Engineering, Incorporated on the new mine plan and we anticipate that it will be ready for submittal within 90-120 days.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know. I can be reached at (435) 857-1200.

Respectfully,

G. Duane Crutchfield
Plant Manager

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