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September 22, 2005

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Subject: Cessation Order MC-2005-02-05(1)
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Butler Valley Quarries

Dear Mr. Jensen

We are in receipt of the referenced order, dated 8/24/05. We are requesting a 45 day extension to your request to post a $40,000 reclamation surety bond. A surety bond was already paid to the BLM for the subject quarries in 2002 in the amount of $15,000. We are presently surveying the disturbed areas, to determine if we have exceeded the 5 acre limit. As you may be aware, we are reclaiming mined areas as we progress with mining, and as such reclaimed areas are interspersed with active mining areas, so the outer boundary of the mined area does not represent the disturbed area. We need additional time to complete this survey work. In addition, the $15,000 bond was deemed adequate for 5 acres of disturbed ground in 2002, and we would expect that any bond for acreage over 5 areas would be proportional to this initial bond. The $40,000 bond appears excessive, and we are requesting that it be reduced proportionally, or based upon a licensed engineer's cost estimate.

We were advised by Doug Powell of the BLM that a new meeting time on October 25, 2005 has been set, but my son Ben Lamoreaux, a licensed Civil and Mining Engineer, whose engineering firm is performing the survey measurements, will be unable to attend. He will be gone on business from October 12 until October 30. We would like to schedule a meeting after he returns the first week of November, so he can discuss his findings from the survey. We can meet prior to October 12, but the survey work may not be completed.

You can contact me at my home at (435) 477-3350, or you can contact Ben Lamoreaux at (435) 701-1875 (cell phone). Please consider our request and let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Lamoreaux

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