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B U I L D I N G M A I L

RE: Reclamation Contracts

Dear Jim:

I have come to a determination that Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts are not an acceptable form of bonding for mining operations being conducted under State mineral leases where surface disturbances or facilities are located on State lands. It is my intention to obtain a surety bond from the States lessee in these instances.

I have listed several State leases involved in operations having Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts in force but am not familiar enough with the mining plans to know if surface disturbances or facilites are actually located on State lands. Would you please review your files or personal knowledge on these mines and indicate the extent to which State surface may be impacted and what bond amount should be required for such disturbance in each case.

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ML's 18301, 27247, 27248 - Metalliferous Mineral ACT/037/026
Union Carbide Co. - Snowball Mine

ML 22729 - Coal
Getty Oil Company - Star Point #1 & 2 Mines ACT/007/006 #5
(Plateau Mining Co.)

ML 23498 - Metalliferous Mineral
Atlas Minerals - Standard #2 Mine ACT/037/011

ML's 23550, 24092 - Metalliferous Mineral
Union Carbide - Shaft Mine ACT/037/043

ML 23842 - Metalliferous Mineral
Union Carbide - Dereamo Mine ACT/037/025

ML 32305 - Metalliferous Mineral
Plateau Resources - Frank M Mine ACT/017/017
(Mary Ann informs me that this operation contains mine dump, leech field, 2 ponds, water well, and portal on State Lands - what bond amount is recommended?)

Thank you,

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