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Mr. Ron Ryan
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9401 North Highway 191
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Re: Release of Areas Successfully Reclaimed (1998), SF Phosphates Ltd. Co., Vernal Phosphate Mine, M/047/007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ryan:

On June 15, 2001, Lynn Kunzler and Doug Jensen conducted an inspection at the Vernal Phosphate Mine, to determine if reclamation requirements have been met on areas that had been reclaimed in 1998 (inspection memo attached). Based on their findings, seven of the eight areas examined, representing 67.3 of the 68.5 acres reclaimed in 1998 are hereby released. The only area reclaimed in 1998 and examined during the June 15th inspection that could not be released is a 1.2 acre tract approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the mine shop and east of the conveyor. This area needs to be reseeded this fall. All areas examined are shown on your June 11, 2001 Reclamation Progress Map, that was provided to the Division during the inspection.

The Division appreciates your efforts to stay on top of SF Phosphate's concurrent reclamation responsibilities. As always, please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection memo.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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Permit Supervisor
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Attachment: Inspection Memo
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