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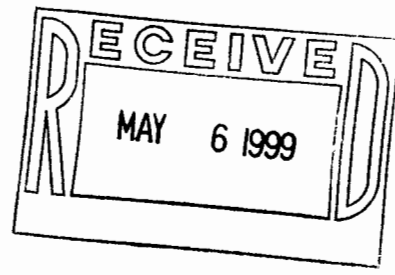
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April 30, 1999

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Mr. Greg Lewis
New Mexico Environment Department
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In our letter to Mr. Benito Garcia dated October 23, 1998, the Department notified you that mining of the W-170 access drift had voluntarily been halted on October 16, 1998.

In accordance with the October 23, 1998 letter, the Department is providing you written notice of the Department's decision to continue mining in the W-170 drift. Mining will resume during the week of May 24, 1999, upon completion of the 20-day notification period.

Please contact me at 505-234-7300 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

CK Hunter for
Keith A. Klein
Acting Manager



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