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Page 3 - Add Section 3.I.b.(1)(j)

(j) Whenever a problem site is in proximity to or it may be reasonably expected that reclamation activities could have an impact on any mining or mined area, the FO staff will contact the appropriate Federal and/or State Mine Safety and Health Administration/Agency in the State, to determine if site conditions or probable reclamation activities could affect the health and safety of mine workers. The FO has the discretion to apply the "proximity" and "reasonably expected" criteria based on the specific site conditions.

Page 4 - Add Section 3.I.d.(2)(b)

(b) Ensure that the appropriate Federal and/or State Mine Safety and Health Administration/Agency has responded that reclamation activities will not affect mining operations. Where the probable reclamation activities could affect the health and safety of mine workers, coordination and agreement on measures to abate the potential impact must be completed prior to undertaking any geotechnical investigation or reclamation activities.

Page 9 - Add Section 3.II.b.(12)

(12) Whenever a problem site is in proximity to or it may be reasonably expected that reclamation activities could have an impact on any mining or mined area, the E/WFO staff will contact the appropriate Federal and/or State Mine Safety and Health Administration/Agency in the State, to determine if site conditions or probable reclamation activities could affect the health and safety of mine workers. The E/WFO has the discretion to apply the "proximity" and "reasonably expected" criteria based on the specific site conditions. Where the probable reclamation activities could affect the health and safety of mine workers, coordination and agreement on measures to abate the potential impact must be completed prior to undertaking any geotechnical investigation or reclamation activities.

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