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Dear Mr. Oggins:

Congratulations! The California Department of Conservation’s Abandoned Mine Lands Unit has been chosen to receive the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 2009 Fix A Shaft Today! (FAST!) Award. This is one of five awards under the BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards Program. The BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards are presented to those hardrock mining projects that have shown responsible mineral resource development while demonstrating an understanding of sustainable development. We salute your organization’s outstanding efforts in eradicating unsafe abandoned mine land features.

The 2009 BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards will be presented on October 28, 2009, in Washington, D.C., at a dinner that will be hosted by the National Mining Association.

You will be contacted in the near future regarding details relating to the awards dinner and a video that the BLM will produce to highlight the accomplishments of this year’s award winners. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Benjamin (Frank) Martin, Deputy Chief, Division of Solid Minerals, at (202) 452-0351 or Mary Linda Ponticelli, Solid Minerals Specialist, at (202) 452-5083.
Please note, as it is customary on the day of the awards event for the BLM to issue a press release announcing the names of award winners, please do not publicize that your organization has been chosen to receive an award.

Again, my warmest congratulations on the selection of the California Department of Conservation’s Abandoned Mine Lands Unit for the 2009 BLM FAST! Award.

Sincerely,

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