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Mr. John Skriner
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Maple Carpenter Creek
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RE: Test Pit Application, Carpenter Creek

Dear John:

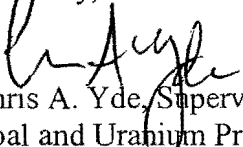
The Department has completed its completeness review of Maple Carpenter Creek's Test Pit Application. One minor completeness deficiency was found during our review. The following deficiency must be addressed before the Department can declare the application complete:

ARM 17.24.501(6)(d): All backfilling and grading must achieve the approved postmining topography.

This deficiency can be addressed with a short narrative commitment to assure that the approved PMT is appropriately achieved. Maple Carpenter Creek must submit revised pages to be inserted into the Test Pit application in order to completely address this deficiency.

Please feel to contact me with questions regarding this deficiency.

Sincerely,


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