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MINING WASTE AS NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE

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OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Honorable Ed Herschler  
Governor  
State of Wyoming  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. Herschler:

Lee Thomas has asked me to respond to your letter of August 14, 1986, in which you welcomed our decision to regulate mine waste as non-hazardous but expressed concern that a Federal program for mine waste would not recognize and encourage State programs.

I can assure you that EPA is strongly committed to the development of a Federal program that will reinforce and support State programs where necessary, not duplicate them. I plan to work closely with representatives of all major mining States to draw upon their experience with the regulation of mine waste. EPA may also be able to help transfer information on successful State approaches from one State to another.

Thank you very much for sharing your views with us. I look forward to close cooperation with the States in the development of a reasonable and efficient program for non-coal mine waste that protects public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Administrator