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RE: Annual Inspection Requirements

Per State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA), Inyo County must conduct annual inspections on each mine in the County. The Inspection fee is \$450.00 per site, which is collected to cover the cost of conducting the inspection and filing the inspection report with the State Geologist. The Planning Department requires the inspections fees be paid prior to scheduling the annual mine inspection. An invoice is attached for your convenience.

Under Public Resources Code Section 2774 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Section 3504.5, the mine operator is required to submit a Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) (*using CALTRANS' equipment rental rates and prevailing wage rates*) along with the annual operating mining report (MRRC-2). Inyo County is requesting a copy of your annual operating mining report for 2021. This report is required by SMARA regulations, Section 2207.

Each year mine operators must demonstrate compliance with SMARA. To demonstrate compliance, and to schedule an inspection operators must submit the following:

Inspection Fee

Annual SMARA report application questionnaire

(<https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-09/Mining-AnnualMineQuestionnaire.pdf>)

Mining Operation Annual Report (2022)

Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (2023)

Current Financial Assurance Mechanism (copy)

To schedule an inspection, please email me at rstandridge@inyocounty.us or if you have any questions, you may contact me at (760) 878-0405.

Your cooperation and timeliness are greatly appreciated,

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