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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regard to a proposal submitted by Ms. Gerri Cassinelli, Mr. Donald Mondani and Mr. Douglas Mondani, owners of the former Newton Copper Mine site in Amador County, California.

The Newton Mine, adjacent to Highway 88 between the towns of Jackson and Lone, was established in the 1860's as a source for copper during periods of war. The mine was last worked in 1947. In 1994, the owners were requested to clean up the water drainage through the mine by the California Regional Water Quality Board. A consultant was hired, developing a site report, and performed runoff testing during the winters of 1995-1996.

The concluding report presented reclamation efforts beyond the ability of the present owners to complete. The owners, in conjunction with the Soils Agency and Amador County Board of Supervisors, are submitting a proposal requesting Proposition 204 funding for engineering and reclamation of the mine site.

The owners have diligently worked to develop an acceptable plan, but are financially unable to proceed. I would ask that CALFED give this proposal every possible consideration. Tim Murphy in my Roseville district office has been assigned this issue. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Tim directly. He can be reached by telephone at (916) 969-8232, or in writing at 1200 Melody Lane, Suite 110, Roseville, CA 95678.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

  
TIM LESLIE  
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cc: Ms. Gerri Cassinelli

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