

September 19, 1991

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Dear Mr. Halverson,

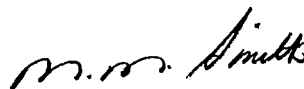
Re: Progress on the Investigation of Giant Mines Emissions

Thank you for your letter dated September 4, 1991. Although the work for the investigation is proceeding as planned, the results you wanted to review are not yet available:

- Western Research conducted stack sampling on August 28 and 29, 1991. We expect to receive the laboratory report in the next few weeks.
- The 1990 NAPS data has not been received by our office at this time.
- We expect to install the new SO₂ monitoring network after the current lead candle network agreement expires in October.
- Sampling for the Forestry survey was conducted on August 21 and 23, 1991. Laboratory analysis is underway.
- We do not expect to receive the aerial photographs taken this year until sometime in the winter.

It is our intention to keep all parties involved equally informed on the progress of this investigation. If you have any further questions please call myself or my staff at 873-7654.

Yours sincerely,



M.M. Smith,
Director,
Pollution Control Division