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RE: Annual Inspection Requirements 2022

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 claim, collected to cover the cost of conducting the inspection and filing the inspection report with the State Geologist. The Planning Department requires the inspection fees to be paid before scheduling the annual mine inspection. Correction of violation site visits will be charged an additional \$450 per visit.

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 the previous year. This report is required by SMARA regulations, Section 2207.

Starting July 1, 2022, Inyo County will be enforcing SMARA regulation, Section 3814

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

Inspection Fee

Annual SMARA report questionnaire

Mining Operation Annual Report (Previous Year)

Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (**Submit no later than 30 days after inspection. This must be completed by a California licensed grading contractor, licensed civil engineer, or a licensed geologist**)

Current Financial Assurance Mechanism (copy)

The annual reporting documents can be downloaded at: <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/planning-department/surface-mining-and-reclamation-act-smara>.

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 is greatly appreciated,

Ryan Standridge
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