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Dear Mr. Conroy:

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 Superfund program has received the Forest Service Preliminary Assessment Screen for the Blue Ledge Copper Mine. After reviewing the report, the Superfund program believes that further investigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) is warranted. The site will be listed in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System and scheduled for a preliminary assessment / site investigation (PA/SI). It is anticipated that the investigation and report may take one year to complete.

Additionally, the Superfund program has sent the report to the Region 9 Water Division for review under the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please call me at 415-972-3094.

Sincerely,

Jere Johnson
Site Assessment Manager
Superfund Division

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