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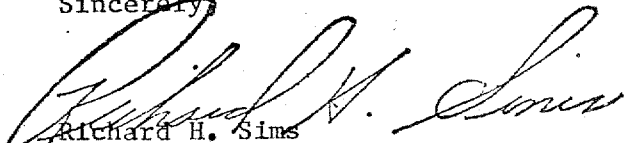
Dear Commissioner LeResche:

At the last meeting of the Alaska Water Resources Board on June 25-27, 1980, we heard testimony from a representative of the Alaska Miners Association on problems with the processing of Tri-Agency Placer Mining Application form. This person had filled out the form and had filed it at the Division of Minerals and Energy Management. Within two weeks, he had a permit from the Department of Fish and Game, within four weeks an acknowledgment from the Department of Environmental Conservation, but eight weeks later he had no acknowledgment or reply from the Department of Natural Resources. This person went mining anyway.

This person stated that his was not an unusual case. If this is so, there are problems in the processing procedures for the Tri-Agency Permit. If done properly, the Tri-Agency Application could be a model for future coordinated activities between the three agencies dealing with water resources related activities. We hope this current problem can be corrected internally.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

  
Richard H. Sims  
Chairman

cc: Commissioner Skoog, ADF&G  
Commissioner Mueller, ADEC