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# ORIGINAL SIXTEEN to ONE MINE, Inc.

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Kari Holmes PE

RE: Notice of violation and Draft Record of Violations for Assessing mandatory minimum penalties,  
Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc, Sixteen to One Mine, Sierra County

Mr. Holmes:

The above referenced notice dated December 18<sup>th</sup> was received by our office on December 29, 2015. Our office staff was off between Christmas and New Year's. Today's deadline (per the notice) does not provide much time to respond.

Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc. would like more information as to why antimony monitoring was added to the new discharge permit, but was not required on previous discharge permits. It is possible that the lab made a mistake with the test results in April. We have no way of verifying if this is the case at this point in time. We object to the proposed penalties as they are excessive considering the lack of history in this area.

As to the requirement for submitting the monitoring results using the CIWQS Program Web Site, it was an oversight on our part that the reports were not submitted that way. It is surprising that nobody notified us of this sooner. The notice sent on November 12<sup>th</sup> of deficient reporting did not mention it, nor was it brought up in subsequent email inquiries that were sent to Alejandra Serratos. An email and phone call have been directed to Alejandra seeking verification as to whether or not the Second and Third Quarter reports need to be resubmitted. The last e-mail correspondence with Alejandra indicated that we had satisfied the Deficient Reporting portion of the November 12<sup>th</sup> notice by providing both the Reporting Levels (RLS) and Method Detection Limits (MDLS).

Sincerely,

*Michael M Miller*  
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President

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