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Dear Mine Managers:

Last year I presented the Chief Inspector of Mine's Recognition Award for the first time. The award showcased the dedication, and mine rescue knowledge, skills and experience of the Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership's mine rescue team. I am continuing this award on an ongoing basis to recognize the great safety work occurring on mines. While the BC Mine Safety Awards have been in existence for almost 50 years, there have been few awards to recognize safety efforts other than safety statistics.

The Chief Inspector of Mines' Recognition Award will distinguish those mine sites and/or individuals that have accomplished outstanding achievements in or have greatly advanced health and safety at mine sites. This award is based on merit and will not be presented annually if there are no deserving candidates. On the other hand if several candidates are nominated and have done exceptional work they will all get an award.

I know that there are dedicated health and safety professionals working at BC Mines and that there are many great achievements in health and safety. Please help me recognize them by nominating deserving people, organizations and/or mine sites. The application rules for the Chief Inspector of Mine's Recognition Award are attached. The rules indicate an annual deadline of February 1 however for this year only the deadline will be March 15, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Hoffman".

Al Hoffman
Chief Inspector of Mines

Enclosure: Application Rules for the Chief Inspector of Mine's Recognition Award