



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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May 11, 2023

Michael and Rhonda McKenzie  
PO Box 66  
Metaline, WA 99152

**Re: Inactive and Abandoned Mine Land Inventory**

- **Site name:** Sterling Mine
- **Site Address:** Metaline Falls
- **Facility Site ID:** 7738114
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 1048
- **Property ID:** Pend Oreille County Property ID: 8236

Dear Michael and Rhonda McKenzie:

This letter is sent to you concerning information that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has gathered regarding the Sterling Mine Site located in Metaline Falls. Ecology is undertaking an inventory of inactive and abandoned mine sites in Washington. As part of our effort, we are contacting owners of known inactive and abandoned mine sites and requesting that they call us to discuss current conditions and uses on these properties.

Please call Justin Rice at (509) 724-8268 at your earliest convenience for a brief discussion regarding the Sterling Mine Site. You can also contact me through email at [Justin.Rice@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Justin.Rice@ecy.wa.gov) if you have any questions regarding this letter. We would like to hear from you by June 15, 2023, for the timely completion of our inventory. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Justin Rice  
Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program Engineer  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
Central Regional Office

By certified mail: 7014 3490 0001 5526 5370

cc: Valerie Bound, Ecology