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These veins do not contain enough molybdenum or tungsten to warrant consideration for these metals.

We wish to thank you for bringing this property to our attention.

Very truly yours,

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