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December 8, 1975

Mr. Cleon B. Feight
Director (Div. of Oil, Gas, and Mining)
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Feight:

The Valley Camp Coal Company has submitted a proposal to this office to develop the Belina No. 1 mine, an underground coal mine, located in the Scofield/Clear Creek area in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

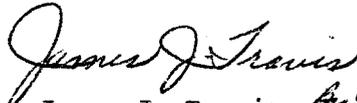
The surface facilities, including access road and powerline, are all located on private land. The proposed mine will enter Federal coal leases approximately 500 feet in by the outcrop. Surface values of these lands are administered by the U. S. Forest Service.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires that prior to the approval by the Federal Government of a mining proposal, an environmental analysis must be made to assess the impact of that proposal on the environment. To assist in the preparation of the environmental analysis, the Geological Survey has scheduled an onsite meeting with interested parties to apprise them of the scope of the proposed project and to solicit their comments and suggestions relative to protection of the environmental and resource values.

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation of December 5, 1975. Interested parties will meet at Clear Creek, (near Scofield) Utah, on December 11, 1975, at 9 a.m. at the Valley Camp Coal Company dormitory. Transportation will be provided from Clear Creek to the proposed mine site. Plans will be reviewed prior to the onsite inspection. The review and onsite inspection are expected to be completed by 1 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the onsite inspection, you are invited to submit written comments to this office. A copy of the Valley Camp Coal Company proposal can be inspected at this office, or by contacting the company's office near Scofield, Utah.

Sincerely yours,


James J. Travis *by JMT*
Deputy Mining Supervisor