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Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Utah Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



Re: Hydrologic and Subsidence
Monitoring Plans
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
Belina Mine
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/001

Attn: Ronald W. Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development

Gentlemen,

Valley Camp of Utah, Inc. submitted its Underground Mining & Reclamation Plans for operation of Belina No. 1 Mine (Utah Permit No. ACT/007/001) on Federal coal leases on July 15, 1975, pursuant to 30 CFR 211. This plan was subsequently approved February 10, 1977 by the office of the U.S.G.S. Area Mining Supervisor with several conditions as set out in the attached approval letter. Among the provisions of the approval was establishment of (1) A surface subsidence monitoring system and, (2) A hydrologic monitoring program.

Since February, 1977, Valley Camp has conducted discussions with both the office of the Area Mining Supervisor and the U.S. Forest Service, Manti-LaSal National Forest, on requirements of both of these programs. These discussions have been held by Valley Camp engineering personnel and by Valley Camp's consultant retained to develop and assist in implementation of these programs, Vaughn Hanson Associates. The Area Mining Supervisor requires approval of these plans by approval authority prior to authorizing extractive mining as specified and contemplated under our approved 30 CFR 211 mine plan. To preserve the continuity of operations and development of Belina Mine prior to development and submission of permit application and mine plans for Belina Mine under the contemplated State Regulatory Program as set out and required by 30 CFR 700, Permanent Regulatory Program, it is necessary that approval be completed of our 30 CFR 211 plan by review and approval of a surface subsidence monitoring system and hydrologic monitoring program.

Accordingly, we submit herewith for your review and approval a Surface Subsidence Monitoring Plan and a Hydrologic Monitoring Plan to revise by addition to our approved 30 CFR 211 mine plan. Both of these plans have been reviewed in draft form by your Division, the Area Mining Supervisor, the U.S. Forest Service and their comments received and incorporated therein. The Regional Director of the Office of Surface Mining was furnished draft copies of the plans for review, but no comments were received. We enclose seven (7) copies each of the plans for your use and review.

We hereby certify that on this date by copy of this letter that seven (7) copies each of identical counterparts of these plans have been mailed to both the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining and the Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining, Denver, Colorado.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you for further discussions in regard to these plans if you so desire. We would greatly appreciate your prompt review and consideration of these plans, as much delay with seriously impact the continuity of our ongoing operations.

Yours very truly,


W. H. Haynes, Jr.

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Attachment

Enclosures (7)

cc: Regional Director w/Enc. (7) Att.
Office of Surface Mining w/Enc. (7) Att.
United States Department of the Interior w/Enc. (7) Att.