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August 25, 1982

Memo to  
Coal File

RE: Valley Camp Meeting with OSM,  
the Division, and Review Consultant  
Belina Complex  
ACT/007/001  
Carbon County, Utah

A meeting was held in two parts at the Division on August 24, 1982. The first half consisted of preparation and consultation between the OSM, represented by T.P.O., Sarah Bransom, and Don Frickel, hydrologist; the contracted reviewing consulting firm, Envirosphere, represented by Robert Litte; and the Division represented by Tom Tetting, lead and Pam Grubaugh-Littig, co-lead. The Apparent Completeness Review was finalized for the information received from Valley Camp to date. Several areas are still lacking information and will be addressed by the operator along with the response to the questions developed during the review. The estimated time for finalizing a Determination of Completeness (DOC) is September 15, 1982. The consultant will initiate a technical analysis August 25, for the material already determined complete.

The second half of the meeting consisted of the OSM, the Division, and the consultant, Envirosphere fielding questions and clarifying issues developed in the ACR for Trevor Whiteside. The only major problem realized seemed to be the interpretation of the degree necessary for the operator to describe abatement action for violations received on company-related Eastern Coal operations. This question should be answered based on prior Division requirements, necessity and usefulness to this operation and its mine plan.

Total time for the meeting was only five hours.

Subsequent to this meeting, a phone call from OSM by Sarah Bransom indicated that Federal reviewers would only require an indication that violations be listed as abated or not. If not, planned actions for abatement would be necessary to be included in the plan. These should be updated thru 1981. The approach is consistent with Division policy and will be recommended to the operator.

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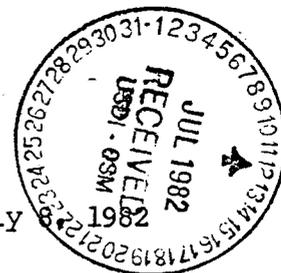
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REFER TO  
DIVISION OF  
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United States Department of the Interior

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
CENTRAL REGION

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104



July

Memorandum

To: Utah State Coordinator, Office of Surface Mining  
(OSM), Denver, Colorado

From: District Mining Supervisor

Subject: Valley Camp of Utah, Inc., Belina #1 and #2 Mines,  
Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah; Mining and  
Reclamation Plan

The Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) transmitted with its letter dated June 15, 1982, a two-volume submittal from the subject company. This submittal is the total response to the Apparent Completeness Review (ACR) of the subject plan which was sent to the company on October 20, 1981. We did not receive a copy of the ACR. One volume is titled Valley Camp . . . , Volume V. The other volume is the Hydrologic Inventory and Baseline Study of the subject mines. Mr. James W. Smith of DOGM requested that we review these documents and forward our comments to OSM.

Our review letter dated April 6, 1982, to the Regional Director, OSM, on the initial plan will be used as a guideline and a format for our review and comments of these two volumes. Comments follow:

Item 1. A cross-reference index to the 30 CFR 211 regulations requested was neglected in this two volume submittal. We will require a cross-reference index and include a stipulation for the final approval.

Item 2. The latest Roof Control and Ventilation, Methane and Dust Control plans for the Belina #1 and #2 mines and approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration have been included in Volume V.

Item 3.

a. The confidential information submitted with General Mining Order No. 1 is satisfactory for this request. Projected yearly tonnages for both mines through the year 2010 are included on Page 6C, Volume V.

b. Presently we are not requiring to show how all the reserves will be mined in 40 years.

c. The mine life sequence requested has been satisfactorily submitted in Volume V, Appendix C, Map No's E1-0005 and E1-0006.

d. The maps in c. above show that the entire mine area will eventually be mined. As long as the mine management understands that any coal losses planned or otherwise must be reviewed with the MMS, then the plan can achieve maximum economic recovery. The narrative on Page 7A, Volume V explains further how the coal is to be recovered.

e. This item related to coal seam isopachs will be taken care of by a stipulation to the approval.

f. and g. These items related to abandonment or leaving of coal will be handled with a stipulation to the approval.

h. Information submitted in Volume V is satisfactory for the requested mine projections.

i. The MSHA approved Roof Control and Ventilation plans request by MMS are included in Volume V.

j. The requested structure contour data submitted is satisfactory.

k. The requested interburden isopach submitted is satisfactory.

l. The overburden isopach requested will be included in the same stipulation as for e. above.

m. The narrative in Volume V adequately covers the information requested relative to angle of draw.

We have determined that the total plan submission is adequate for our administration of the associated Federal coal leases and is in compliance with 30 CFR 211 regulations and the maximum economic recovery will be achieved within the limits of the equipment and technology presently being used.

We recommend approval of this plan provided the following stipulations become a part of the approval:

Stipulation No. 1

"When the Roof Control and the Ventilation, Methane and Dust Control Plans are updated and or changed and approved by MSHA, submit complete copies of the updated and or changed parts will be submitted as addendum to the formal mining and reclamation plan."

Stipulation No. 2

"Submit coal seam and overburden isopachs. This information may be shown on present mine maps."

Stipulation No. 3

"The company will involve MMS in all situations involving recovery or abandonment of the resources. Normally, such matters will involve a joint

(management and MMS) site specific inspection, a joint review followed by a formal submittal of a plan for approval by the MMS."

Stipulation No. 4

"Submit as a supplement to the mining and reclamation plan a complete cross-reference index to the requirements of 30 CFR 211 regulations.

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