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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
 Coordinator - Mined Land
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 Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Smith:

On February 4, 1982, I received a "Memo to File" from your office informing me of the status of the ten (10) stipulations set forth by the Division in its approval for Valley Camp to mine county coal in the Belina No. 2 Mine.

Additional information which related to a December 17, 1981, inspection was also offered. In this information, there are two points which were apparently misunderstood by the inspectors, which I feel need clarification.

817.100 CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

This section stated that our topsoil stockpile area had been seeded and reclamation attempted. This is not true, since the status of this area is unchanged from the condition described and discussed at length during an assessment conference at your office on September 1, 1981. The conference was held as a result of the issuance of a Notice of Violation N81-2-5-2. Please refer to file information for verification of stockpile status.

817.111-117 REVEGETATION

This section indicates we are planning to re-topsoil areas of the B-1 to B-2 slope in an "...effort to enhance revegetation...". Such is not the case!

We are planning to obtain some topsoil from Coastal States for use in our continuing revegetation efforts; but on this particular slope, we will only apply it to a small area under the Belina No. 1 belt conveyor which has not yet been topsoiled.

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These items may appear to be incidental, but I have found in the past that erroneous assumptions, however insignificant, have become somewhat problematical when not refuted.

Also, I have, in the past, expressed my concern to you about the "delay" between the composition of correspondence in your office and the actual date of receiving same by the operator. The memo previously mentioned was dated January 12, 1982; some sixteen working days prior to my receipt.

Your awareness of our concerns in matters such as these is certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. G. Whiteside".

T. G. Whiteside
Senior Mining Engineer