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Mr. Stephen R. McNeal
Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health
P. O. Box 2500
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

Re: Mine Water Filter Pond

Dear Mr. McNeal:

As you will recall, a construction permit for the Belina mine water filter pond reconstruction project was issued by your office on June 18, 1982.

In addition to this approval, and prior to beginning construction, we were required to obtain similar approval from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. This particular approval was not received until August 30, 1982.

Once the necessary approvals were obtained, construction began on the new pond. The existing pond was removed and site preparation for the revised structure begun the middle of September. Project activities were short-lived, however, due to a severe snowstorm the last of September. Further attempts were made to get the pond operational, but the project was finally abandoned due to weather problems.

As an interim measure, the mine discharge water was diverted into the sediment pond (No. 4) on the lower pad. Sampling of the effluent from this pond has continued as per our N.P.D.E.S. requirements.

At this time, we are planning to resume construction activities on the filter basin on June 16, 1983. Due to the extreme and abnormal winter this past year, we have been unable to resume work on this project until this month.

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We would appreciate your indulgence in this project due to influencing circumstances beyond our control. Completion of the new filter ponds should be no later than August 30, 1983.

If I may be of service concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



T. G. Whiteside
Chief Engineer

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