

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.

Scofield Route

Helper, Utah 84526

October 9, 1984

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
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Re: Cleaning of Belina Sediment Pond

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The following comments are offered in response to your letter of September 12, 1984, in regards to abatement of NOV N-84-7-6-1.

1. The sizing of sediment ponds is not to be considerate of the undisturbed drainage areas as indicated in your letter.

The total disturbed acreage at the Belina Mine, as per the Vaughn Hansen report, was 27.5 acres. This figure excluded the 2.5 acres estimated to be disturbed if a sewer treatment plant was to be constructed (page 55 of the V.H.A. report). This plant was constructed; and, as a result, increased the total disturbed acreage to 30.0.

The 30.0 acre figure was later used by OSM and the Division in calculations for Valley Camp's bond. The 36.0 acre figure used by Golder was, apparently, for design security only.

In addition, much of the "disturbed" 27.5 acres has now been reclaimed for four (4) years and should further reduce the actual required sediment volume of the pond. However, I am not proposing a reduction in this manner, but I am simply pointing out the adequacy of the 27.5 acre figure in calculating both the sediment and runoff calculations.

2. At such time when plans are finalized for disposition of the material removed, the plan will be submitted to the regulatory authority for approval. This plan will include the analysis of random samples taken from the excavated material.
3. Cleaning of the pond will result in providing a minimum volume of combined sediment and runoff storage of 6.15 acre feet, plus any volume lost by leaving in the access clean-out road.

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I hope this response is sufficient for your needs in evaluating this project, but if additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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

T. G. Whiteside
Chief Engineer

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