

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.

Scofield Route

Helper, Utah 84526

October 29, 1984

RECEIVED**OCT 31 1984****DIVISION OF OIL
GAS & MINING**

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: NOV N84-7-6-1 Abatement Measures

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

As you are aware, Valley Camp has been involved in pond cleaning activities on the No. 4 Sediment Pond for approximately two months. These activities were being performed pursuant to the remedial requirements of the subject violation.

With the completion deadline for this project being only a couple of days off, it is now apparent that we will be unable to complete the project within the assigned time frame.

Our inability to meet the deadline of October 30, 1984, is directly attributable to inclement weather conditions, which have prevented cleaning activities from being performed, for twenty-one of the forty-five allowed working days.

We have had the pond pumped dry three times, only to have it half filled again by either a rainstorm or snowstorm. Just as an example, we had twenty consecutive days of rain during August, and have received approximately forty-four inches of snow since October 1, 1984.

Even at this writing, we are continuing to dredge the pond, however futile it may appear.

In light of the circumstances, I would appreciate an extension of the deadline to such time as we complete the excavation or weather completely terminates the cleaning activity.

In the event weather conditions disallow completion of this project, I would appreciate a meeting with you to discuss alternatives which would allow cleaning operations to resume as soon as possible in the spring of 1985.

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Although I doubt if we will be able to complete this project, I do feel as if we will increase the pond capacity from what it was prior to commencement of the project. Since we will be unable to survey the pond this year, we can only estimate this percent of increase. At this point in time, a best guess would be a fifty percent increase in the pond capacity.

Once you have had an opportunity to digest this information, I would appreciate discussing this subject with you on the phone. By that time, I may have additional information relating to the project's progress.

Sincerely,



T. G. Whiteside
Chief Engineer

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