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TO: Sue Linner, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Rick P. Summers, Reclamation Hydrologist 

RE: Small Area Exemptions (received February 3, 1989), Valley Camp, Belina Mine, ACT/007/001, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The above referenced permit revision was submitted as a response to OSM Federal TDN # X-88-02-107-8 issued July 29, 1988. The response is adequate for approval with the following conditions:

Condition # 1:

The applicant should submit a discussion and/or chart which identifies the specific sediment treatment measure(s) intended to be used for each Small Area Exemption.

Condition # 2:

The applicant must identify the mine office facilities area as a Small Area Exemption. The submittal should delineate the disturbed area on an appropriate map, present information similar to that presented for the remaining six areas in the submittal narrative, and include the intended treatment measures for the area in the discussion and/or chart requested in Condition #1.

REVIEW:

The applicant's submittal delineates six areas that are identified as small area exemptions. UMC 817.42 allows the Division to exempt drainage from these areas from the requirement that all disturbed area drainage must report to a sedimentation pond. These areas are identified on Map 1, Sheets 1 through 4. The total disturbed acreage for these six areas is 3.68 acres, compared to 41.43 acres of total disturbed area.

The applicant has presented information that demonstrates the expected runoff from these areas will be marginal (Table 9, page 23). The applicant has submitted under separate cover (letter of March 3, 1989) proposed treatment structures to be used to minimize the sediment contributions off site from these areas. These measures are approvable, however, the Division requests that a chart depicting the treatment structure(s) intended for each small area exemption be included in the permit. A similar chart was submitted with the original submittal and will satisfy the requirements of the rule. Condition #1 is necessary for approval.

The current submittal also did not address one Small Area Exemption specified in the above referenced Federal Ten-Day-Notice. The disturbed area related to the mine office facilities is approvable as a Small Area Exemption with paving and revegetation measures cited as the sediment treatment for this area. However, the area should be delineated on an appropriate map, discussed in the submittal narrative, and the intended treatment measures included in the chart requested in Condition #1. Adequate response to Condition #2 will satisfy this requirement.

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