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Dear Mr. Feight:

Braztah Corporation has submitted mining and reclamation plans to expand its underground coal mining operation near Helper, Utah, to 6.0 million tons production by 1981. This involves approximately 26,220 acres of fee, State, and Federal lands. Braztah controls 11,521 acres of Federal coal leases.

The proposed surface facilities are primarily located on the private fee surface. Construction has been underway on the private surface for the last several years to enlarge the operations.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, requires that prior to the approval by the Federal Government of a mining proposal, an environmental analysis must be made to assess the impact of that proposal on the environment. To assist in the preparation of the environmental analysis, the Geological Survey has scheduled a public meeting and an onsite inspection with interested parties to apprise them of the scope of the proposed project and to solicit their comments and suggestions relative to protection of the environmental and resource values. The meeting will be held at the Helper City Auditorium, Helper, Utah, on Tuesday, May 25, 1976, at 9:00 a.m. An onsite inspection will follow the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or onsite inspection, you are invited to submit written comments to this office within 10 days of the meeting date.

A copy of Braztah Corporation's proposal can be inspected at this office or by contacting the company's office in Helper, Utah.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Travis
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Deputy Area Mining Supervisor