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April 13, 1976

Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director
 Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
 State of Utah
 1588 West North Temple
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Feight:

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed mining and reclamation plans and surface maps for the Braztah Corporation operations in Carbon County near Helper, Utah. This involves a proposed expansion to 6.0 million tons production by 1981. All mining will be underground on fee, State, and Federal leases. The plans were submitted to this office April 6, 1976.

It has been our practice to conduct an onsite inspection prior to writing an environmental analysis on all proposals. We usually invite the surface management agency, the lessee or operator, State and local Government officials, surface owners and other interested parties by letter. The proposed action is discussed during the onsite inspection and we request written comments so that they may be incorporated into our analysis.

Would you please review the proposed mining and reclamation plans in order to assist us in the preparation of the environmental analysis? Would you please comment on the adequacy of the plan with respect to the requirements for environmental quality? We will contact you when a date is set for the onsite inspection.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Travis
 Deputy Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure