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United States Department of the Interior

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

U-058184 et al.

Office of the Area Mining Supervisor
Conservation Division
8426 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

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April 27, 1977

Mr. William H. Haynes Jr.
Vice President
Braztah Corporation
P. O. Box 599
Helper, Utah 84526

file in Braztah *[Handwritten initials]*

Dear Mr. Haynes:

By a memorandum dated April 20, 1977, from the Acting Chief, Conservation Division, this office was authorized to approve the underground coal mine plans, submitted by Braztah on April 6, 1976, for the Braztah Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 mines in Carbon County, Utah. The plans encompass 26,220 acres of Federal and private holdings of which 11,520 acres are on nine Federal leases (U-058184, SL-046652, SL-048412, SL-050115, U-25484, U-25485, U-0146345, U-019524, and U-0148779). The plan was submitted by the Geological Survey to the Secretary's Office for approval as being in full compliance with the performance standards of 30 CFR 211, subject to the following conditions of approval. The Under Secretary concurred in this determination.

Accordingly the April 6, 1976, mining plan is approved subject to the following conditions:

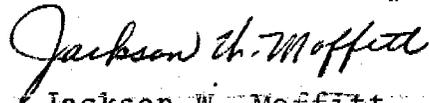
1. The plan is approved with the condition that upon completion of the Central Utah Regional EIS, the plan shall be reviewed and any applicable and appropriate mitigating measures or stipulations generated as a result of the Central Utah Regional EIS shall be incorporated into the conditions of the plan approved.
2. The operator shall, to the maximum extent possible, begin to comply with all requirements of 30 CFR Part 211. All requirements of 30 CFR 211.40 shall be complied with.

3. The operator, in consultation with the Area Mining Supervisor, shall establish an adequate subsidence detection survey grid, with special emphasis on the area indicated as "subsidence prone" in the mine plan by the operator. Monitoring frequency and grid size are to be determined in consultation with the Mining Supervisor.
4. The operator, with the direction of the Mining Supervisor, shall leave adequate coal in place to preclude potential for subsidence underneath the Price Canyon Recreational Area and any other area the Mining Supervisor determines to need special preventive measures.
5. The operator shall submit to the Mining Supervisor a groundwater monitoring plan based on the hydrologic study that is to be supplied with the plan submitted to fully comply with 30 CFR 211 by November 17, 1977. The Mining Supervisor shall, at the time when the plan is in full compliance with 30 CFR 211, determine if the monitoring plan is adequate and whether or not it should be implemented.

This office has consulted with the Governor of Utah concerning our proposed approval. A copy of his approval letter is attached.

Please be advised that any modifications of the approved plan must be submitted to this office for approval.

Sincerely yours,



Jackson W. Moffitt
Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Cleon Feight - Utah Div. of Oil, Gas, & Mining



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SCOTT M. MATHESON
GOVERNOR

STATE OF UTAH
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SALT LAKE CITY

April 22, 1977

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ATTENTION: Jackson W. Moffitt, Area Mining Supervisor

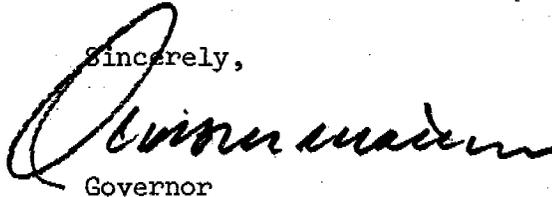
Re: Braztah Corporation
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

I have caused a review to be made of the Braztah Corporation underground coal mine complex in Carbon County, Utah. The mines and facilities involved in the plan have the State approval and should be allowed to be developed on schedule in order that the state and Nation may gain the benefits of utilizing this valuable energy resource.

The State will remain in constant communication with you on these items of critical importance in the future. In the interim, should you have specific inquiries on the mining and reclamation plans, please contact Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Sincerely,


Governor

