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Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Attention: Brian W. Buck, Engineering Geologist

Gentlemen:

It was a pleasure to sit down and talk with you concerning the refuse pile and our reclamation plans.

As Mr. McCloskey and I both indicated, we are committed to proper refuse disposal and reclamation according to all applicable State and Federal Standards.

We are currently working with the BLM on reclaiming our drill sites - sumps were filled, sites graded, and seed spread on 50 drill sites in 1976. Scarifying seems to help hold the seed and mulch in place, and this has been incorporated into our methods of surface preparation.

Our refuse disposal areas in Hardscrabble Canyon (#3 Mine) and Trash Canyon (Utah Fuel #1 Mine) will be reclaimed within the next three to five years. This experience, coupled with ongoing reclamation when feasible, should provide the detailed answers for revegetating the Barn Canyon disposal site.

The surface acreage of the disposal site is hereby increased from 14 to 25 acres in order to provide for alternate plans. You will, of course, be provided with a copy of the plan when it is finalized.

Since we will have pumps at the Castle Gate treatment plant capable of the head required, irrigation could be accomplished either by flooding or sprinklers. The best method will probably be obtained in our revegetation of the Hardscrabble site.

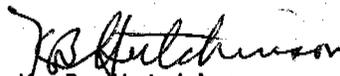


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As shown in our Mining and Reclamation Plan, we do have another waste disposal site in Schoolhouse Canyon, but it is quite small and would only be used as a last resort.

I trust the above clears up all the points which were pending, and that Braztah can thus be issued tentative approval to proceed with our mining plan.

Very truly yours,


K. B. Hutchinson
Chief Engineer

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