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Mr. Ron Daniels
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Division of Oil, Gas and
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1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Reference: American Electric Power, Carbon County, Coal Exploration
Hole, EXP/007/008

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This is a copy of our proposed approval of American Electric Power's (AEP's) exploratory hole. Conversations with the BLM, Price District Office, have since confirmed that the exploratory hole has already been drilled. Because the hole is on fee coal and fee land, no enforcement action needs to be taken. However, OSM still requests that a report of the drilling program, including amount and quality of water encountered, be submitted to this office.

OSM is still interested in reviewing the seed mixture list that the BLM is working on for AEP.

It is OSM's goal that future correspondence between your staff and ours be handled more quickly.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

Enclosure

*Note to all -
Don Stevens says it
is OSM's job*

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Dear Mr. Daniels:

We are hereby providing approval of the coal exploratory hole proposed by American Electric Power (AEP) subject to any stipulations provided by the Geological Survey or the Bureau of Land Management.

This well was originally proposed in correspondence from AEP to Mr. Thompson of your staff dated May 31, 1979. However, there was insufficient information at that time to approve the well. AEP resubmitted their proposal in correspondence to Mr. Thompson of your staff dated July 24, 1979. We received a copy of this complete correspondence dated August 6, 1979. Our approval is conditioned upon the applicant's acquisition of all applicable Federal and State approval necessary to drill and test the well in addition to the timely submission, by the applicant, of a report of the drilling program, stratigraphic well logs, water quality and amounts of water encountered and produced, aquifer characteristics, and other pertinent information.

OSM suggests that if the drill pad and road is to be seeded during the late spring instead of the fall, an annual crop of grains, preferably sterile hybrids be used to cover the area. The area should then be seeded with a predominately native seed mix during the next fall season. OSM is looking forward to reviewing the seed mixture list of predominately native seed that the BLM is working on for AEP.

It is also suggested that the hole be considered as a water monitor well for future use.

Mr. Ron Daniels

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Copies of this letter are enclosed for transmittal to the applicant by your Office.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

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cc: Howard, BLM (1)
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