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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Smith:

In a letter from you dated March 16, 1981, you granted approval for the abatement of Violations No. N81-3-2-6, No. 3 of 6 and No. 4 of 6, to include one of two options. We were to be allowed by Option "A" to remove the topsoil and construct drainage controls with the implication that we might continue to use the area. Option "B" required that we reclaim the area. Since the yarding area is within our proposed access road corridor, we decided to pursue Option "A" and the violations were subsequently abated.

We were instructed to address our actions as a miner modification. Although we felt that if we proceeded with Option "A" we could again use the area in question for storage, equipment, etc., we were not clear as to the Division's understanding of the situation. It is currently our intent to again utilize the area for materials laydown and would like to clarify the Division's approvals or constraints on doing so. We feel that the area is acceptable for immediate use, since the topsoil has been removed and the entire area isolated within a berm.

Your most expedient response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

R. L. Wiley

Robert L. Wiley
Environmental Engineer

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cc: K. B. Hutchinson
Ed Buoy