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RE: Forthcoming Modification to Increase Capacity of
Present Refuse Disposal Facility in Schoolhouse
Canyon

Dear Jim:

As you or your staff are aware, PRCC's present refuse disposal site in Schoolhouse Canyon has only a remaining capacity of 3-6 years, depending on coal production and potential sales of raw coal. We wish to, shortly, propose to increase the capacity by raising the originally intended final elevation of the fill.

We have been studying the concept for several months and have accumulated data which indicate positive feasibility for the plan. We wish, however, to cover all aspects of concern to your office prior to submittal of a modification. I am providing the following listing of items we have or will address. Please review our intentions and provide suggestions and comments on any facet of our proposal that may not fully address regulatory requirements.

1. Geotechnical Information

- Analysis of structural characteristics of the refuse.
- Description of geologic conditions of upper canyon.
- Engineering analysis of proposed configuration of additional fill.

2. Hydrologic Considerations

- Analysis of hydrologic regime and runoff characteristics.

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- Diversions, under-drains and drainage controls.

3. Baseline Resource Data

- Wildlife information.
 - Habitat Analysis (?).
 - Raptor Survey (?).
- Vegetation Information.
 - Reference Area Tie-in.
 - Reclamation Plan.
- Archaeological-Historical clearance.
- Analysis for topsoil resources.

4. Plans, Maps and Cross-Sections

- Plan, 1"=400'.
 - Plan, 1"=50'.
 - Pre-existing profile and cross-sections.
 - Final configuration profile and cross-sections.
 - Drainage maps.
 - Access road characteristics.
 - Vegetation map, 1"=400'.
 - Drainage details.

Please add to this outline as needed to provide compliance with regulations. It is suggested that members of your technical staff make a site visit at the earliest possible time to obtain first hand understanding of the proposal.

The first draft proposed schedule of activities for this development is included as follows. Please comment on the feasibility of our timing.

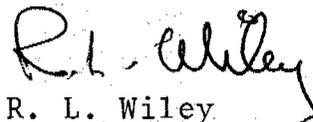
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<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9/1/82 to 10/1/82	DOGM preliminary analysis and input.
4/82 to 4/83	Preparation of plans by PRCC.
4/83	Plan submittal to DOGM, et al.
10/83 to 1/84	Response to ACR/TA by PRCC.
2/84 to 4/84	Final approval by DOGM, et al.
5/84 to 6/85	Site construction and development.
7/85	Begin use of area for additional refuse disposal.

Contact me if you have any preliminary questions. I am optimistic that if we begin the modification process in an orderly manner with well maintained communications, we can all endure the procedures with a minimum of disagreement and time loss.

I have attached a map showing the maximum extent of the proposed area and a recent photo for your reference.

Sincerely,



R. L. Wiley
Environmental Engineer

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Attachment

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