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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator
Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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DIVISION OF
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Dear Mr. Braxton:

The Division of Federal Programs (DFP) has begun a mid-term review of Federal permit No. UT-0007(a) in conjunction with your mid-term review of the State permit for the Castle Gate mine. The purpose of this review is to update the permit to accommodate changes that have occurred in regulatory requirements, mining and reclamation technology and on-site mining and reclamation conditions since the permit was issued. We have requested comments from the Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the Albuquerque Field Office. These agencies are to provide comments to DFP by June 1, 1987. We will consolidate the comments of all Federal agencies and forward them to your office.

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If you have any questions, please contact Vernon Maldonado or Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Ranvir Singh, Chief
Federal Lands Branch

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*If Sue: please phone Mr. Maldonado & give him an overview as to where D06M is in the process, to date.
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