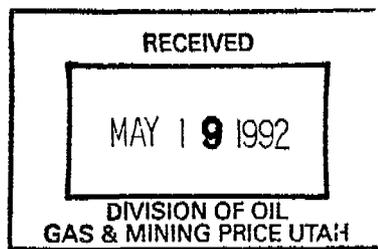


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RE: NOV 92-39-3-2 Abatement Time Extension

Dear Steve:

The ditches on which you wrote NOV 92-39-3-2, 1 of 2, seem to be oversized. Ditches D-2 and CGD-12 were not sized for the required capacity. They were measured in the field and a calculation was done to see if the cross section would handle the flow. In many instances I am sure that the cross sections exceed the needed capacity to handle the runoff. Therefore, I am going to have EarthFax Engineering look into the designs on ditches which seem to be oversized.

The appropriate time for doing this is during the submittals to the Division as required by the Division Orders. I am currently responding to the Division's comments on the Hardscrabble Canyon submittal. I will address the size of D-2 in this response. The Division is reviewing the Castle Gate Area permit revision which was submitted on May 1, 1992. I propose that the ditch design for CGD-12 be upgraded in the AMAX responses to the Division comments on the Castle Gate Area permit revision.

I believe that the Division review and the AMAX response will take somewhat less than 60 days. Therefore, I am requesting the abatement time for violation 1 of 2 for ditches D-2 and CGD-12 and 2 of 2 for the surface personnel bath house of this NOV be extended 60 days to July 27, when the revisions to the permit for Castle Gate and Hardscrabble Canyon will be complete.

Sincerely,

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