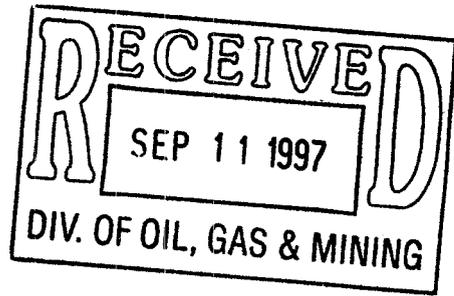




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September 9, 1997

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Mr. Joe Helfrich
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Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Skyline Mines is requesting an extension to the Notice of Violation (#97-39-5-1) received for a failure to seek approval for a slurry system. Skyline had received a previous extension allowing abatement up until September 15, 1997. Skyline is requesting a further extension until October 24, 1997. The extension will allow Skyline time to respond, if a response is necessary, to the outcome of the September 3, 1997, NOV Informal Conference. Since Skyline contested the fact of the violation during the Informal Conference, it is inappropriate to abate the NOV at this time.

Thank you, and please call me at (801) 636-2669 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Ferriter