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Mr. Floyd J. Tucker
Executive Vice President
General Manager
UNC Plateau Mining
P. O. Drawer PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Tucker:

On April 4, 1980, you requested approval of the Forest Supervisor in Price for leaving the breakout portals open in the West Fork Mud Water Canyon. Approval of Federal coal land mine plans or major plan modification is a joint State-OSM responsibility. Plans and modification for underground work, surface work, water discharges, and any other changes or additions to the mining plan should be submitted to both the State and OSM. OSM will see that copies are sent to concerned Federal agencies such as the Geological Survey, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

I have discussed the West Fork Mud Water Canyon breakouts with Mr. Dimitrich, Mr. Atkins, and Mr. Rigby of your company. My staff is reviewing your April 4, 1980 proposal. By copy of this letter I am asking for comments from the other involved agencies. If no problems or objections are raised, I intend to give you written permission to leave the breakouts open in accordance with your April 4, 1980 proposal.

We also have a copy of your March 31, 1980, request for EPA approval of a new discharge point. My technical staff will review the request and contact you if they have questions.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

- cc: USGS, Salt Lake City (Moffitt)
- FS, Price (Christensen)
- DOG&M, Salt Lake City (Daniels)
- EPA, Denver (Rob Walline)
- John Nadolski
- John Hardaway