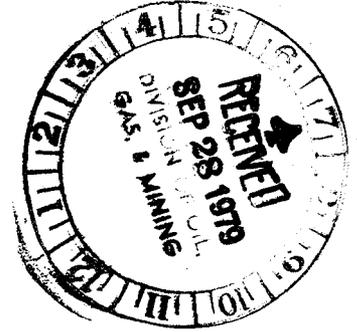




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Reference: Kaiser Steel Corporation, Sunnyside Mine, Stream Protection for
 Existing Waste Silo Loadout, ACT/007/007

Dear Mr. Daniels:

After review of your letter of August 7, 1979, in regard to the stream protection for the waste silo loadout at Kaiser Steel, Sunnyside Mine, we give our approval with the following stipulation. The cross-section of the plan accompanying your letter shows that the fill between the loadout and the creek is not complete. A small area is left between the top of the fill and top of the steel panels. This would produce a catchment, allowing any spilled waste to be caught behind the steel panels and not go into the creek. Our visit noted that fill extends to the very top of the panels, not allowing for any catchment. Kaiser Steel should remove enough of the fill behind the steel panels in order to provide an area where spilled waste can be caught and later removed.

During a recent visit to the Sunnyside Mine by members of our staff and Mr. Thompson and Mr. Suchoski of your staff, it was noted that an old conveyor belt was providing the additional paneling at the guard rail. This additional paneling can be noted on the drawing accompanying your above mentioned letter. The effectiveness of this paneling should be monitored closely. If it shows that the conveyor belt does not protect the creek from waste spillage, another method may be required.

We must reemphasize Kaiser Steel's last comment that if the proposed construction does not protect the creek from waste spillage, an alternate method will be designed and plans submitted.

Copies of this letter are enclosed for transmittal to the company by your Office.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

cc: Ron Daniels