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~~Ron Daniels~~
Denise,
Would you set Kaiser up for the Sept. hearing?
Done - Ron

July 30, 1979

Dept. of Natural Resources
Oil, Gas & Mining Board
1588 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116

Re: Sunnyside Mines
ACT/007/007
MC-717.17 violation

Dear C. R. Henderson, Chm.;

Kaiser Steel Corp. hereby requests a hearing before the Board on Violation MC-717.17(4) issued April 13, 1979. This violation concerns the use of coal waste (refuse) in areas not specifically designated as disposal sites; i.e. as a base on haul & access roads, and for use as berm material. We would request a study period of approximately six months, during which time a program mutually acceptable to the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and Kaiser Steel Corp. could be formulated.

Kaiser has previously submitted to the Division letters and test results supporting the use of the waste material, namely:

1. A chemical analysis of the waste material made by an independent laboratory stating the material is non-toxic and is not deleterious to plant life.
2. Results of a test made by an independent engineering consulting firm indicating the durability of the waste material as a road base.
3. A letter from the Carbon County Commission stating their acceptance of the waste material as applied to the county road traversing the mine area and their opinion that it is the best material available for this use.

The purpose of the requested extension of time is to provide additional study & testing and allow an investigation period by Division personnel that might result in the waste materials useage being

acceptable to all concerned. We would hope the study period would prove to your satisfaction that the material placed in past years is not having a deleterious effect on plant or marine life in the area and that you would not require its removal. The material in question has been used for the above stated purposes for many years and would require an extremely large expenditure in personnel & equipment to remove. The coal refuse material has not been used as either road base or berm since enactment of the Surface Mining Laws and any future useage would be only with the express permission of your office.

Sincerely,

Lynn Huntsman
Chief Engineer

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CC: Joe Taylor
Lloyd Heath