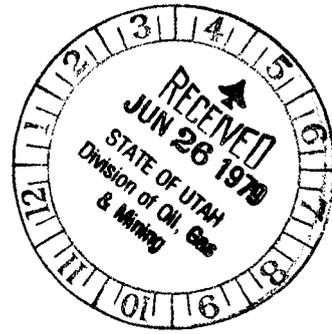


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Dear Sirs:

In reply to the Notice of Violation No. 79-V-5-1 issued by the Office of Surface Mining of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the following is submitted:

Violation No. 1 - The plan for removal of excess rock and earth materials along the refuse haul road is as set forth below:

The piles of refuse material have been picked up and transported to the coarse refuse disposal area. This was complete as of June 8, 1979.

We request the following areas be permitted as disposal sites:

(a) The berm along the haul road leading to the present coarse refuse disposal area. A berm along this road is required by MSHA regulations.

(b) Two emergency disposal areas - The refuse material from the preparation plant is hauled to the disposal site in 50 ton end dump trucks. The round trip distance is approximately 5 miles. There are times when one or both trucks are down for mechanical repair and the refuse must be removed from the load-out bin with a much smaller truck. During these occasions the refuse material cannot be taken away fast enough to prevent the plant from shutting down and waiting for the truck to return. We are, therefore, requesting two small areas along the haul road be permitted as emergency disposal areas. Any materials placed in these areas would be picked up and transported to the permanent refuse disposal areas within 3 days. An area approximately 3000 feet below the loadout bin would be used in most cases. In an extreme emergency the area adjacent to the loadout bin would be used.

Violation No. 2 - Signs identifying the mine area as required by 717.12 have been posted at the following locations:

- (a) at the bridge leading to the parking lot, office, warehouse area
- (b) along the County road leading to the upper bath house
- (c) along the County road at the main fan-substation area near Pole Canyon
- (d) at the road leading to Slaughter Canyon
- (e) at the road between State Highway 123 and the refuse haul road below the preparation plant

Violation No. 3 - Work has begun on the surface work areas at the upper bath house. The steep area behind the hoist house is being cleaned out and old mine cars will be placed to act as a crib wall to catch any loose material. It is planned to have a contractor spray seed, mulch and fertilizer on this area. The road to the fan installation and the bathhouse-hoisthouse area are being graded so any runoff will be caught by a diversion ditch leading to a sediment pond prior to going into Grassy Trail Creek. The down slope area below the fan shaft will be provided with a diversion ditch leading to the same sedimentation pond.

The annual Miners Vacation period is from June 30 through July 15. We request a 30 day extension beyond July 15 to complete the grading, ditching and upgrading of the existing sedimentation pond.