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re: DOGM Violation Notice
Violation #6, MC 717.11 (a)

Dear Joe:

In response to your letter dated 9-9-80, we wish to provide the following information and comments:

Section 817.21 - Topsoil; general

The three borrow pits existed prior to enactment of the Act and have been in continuous use for berming and refuse cover. The topsoil on surrounding areas is extremely thin if present at all and was not considered when the borrow pits were created.

Section 817.22, 23, 24 & 25 - Topsoil; miscellaneous information

Not applicable due to above.

Section 817.41 - Hydrologic Balance; general

The borrow pits are not located above any underground workings and because of the mancos shale being present there is no effect on ground water. The hydrologic balance is not adversely affected since the original ground slope in many cases has been decreased which tends to slow down the runoff velocity. Also, any runoff from the three pits passes ultimately through a sedimentation pond.

Section 817.42 - Water Quality Standards

No water is generated on the borrow sites and the only water that leaves the disturbed areas is rain water. Where applicable straw bales have been placed to curtail runoff and high solids. All runoff from borrow areas does pass through a sediment pond.

Section 817.43 & 44

Not applicable.

Section 817.45 - Sediment Control Measures

In needed areas, straw filter bales have been placed at pit outlets to retain any suspended solids on site.

Section 817.46 - Sedimentation Ponds

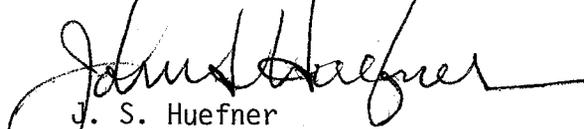
All runoff passes through or is retained in shallow sediment ponds. These ponds have been constructed to retain waters from a 10 yr/24 hr storm.

Sections 817.101, 106, & 111 thru 116 are not applicable at this time since the three borrow pits are active. When the pit use is completed these standards shall be complied with.

Hopefully the above comments answers your questions. If more information is required please contact me.

Sincerely,

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