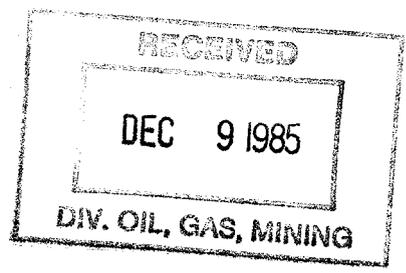


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RE: Urgency of Permit Approval for the Sunnyside Mines, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Messrs:

On behalf of Kaiser Coal Corporation, I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with Mr. Holmes and myself on November 27, 1985 so that we could express the importance of pending permit approvals for our Sunnyside Mines operations in the State of Utah.

As we explained, Mr. Allen Klein and his staff in the Western Technical Center in Denver have been extremely helpful and responsive to our needs. We are confident that they have been doing everything possible to complete their part of the schedule for mine permit approval for the Sunnyside Mines. They have told us that the permit package will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. for final approval during the week of December 1, 1985. The target date for permit approval that the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, OSM Western Technical Center and Kaiser Coal Corporation have been cooperatively working toward is January 2, 1986.

We are requesting that your office take the necessary steps which will allow all of us to meet the January 2, 1986 permit approval target date. A final permit approval is critical to the continued operation of the Sunnyside Mines as I outlined in my

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November 22, 1985 letter to Mr. Klein. If production at Sunnyside is interrupted in early 1986 due to a lack of permitted coal, the mine will lose current contracts and severe repercussions will likely occur. As we mentioned, the Sunnyside Mines are the oldest underground coal mines west of the Mississippi River and Kaiser Coal Corporation has plans to continue operations there for many years to come.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do with regard to this very important matter. Again, we extend an invitation to you to visit the Sunnyside Mines should you ever be in the Price area.

Sincerely,



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