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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) has reviewed the proposed permit revision submitted by Kaiser Coal Corporation for the Sunnyside mines. The permit revision is for the extension of underground mining into an additional 150 acres of Federal coal. No additional surface disturbance will occur except for possible subsidence.

OSM's review was limited to identifying significant issues that may delay or limit the Federal action.

Ground-water data, especially quantitative information, is missing from the revision package. This is a problem when depletions of surface-water flows have the potential to affect endangered fishes in the Upper Colorado River system. Information regarding possible depletion of surface-water flow must be supplied in detail.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Lawton or Richard Holbrook of my staff at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Klein
Administrator
Western Technical Center