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RE: Sunnyside Mines Reports: Information and Due Dates; No. 5 Mine Baseline Information

Dear Ms. Mutz:

Thank you for meeting with me on March 13, 1986, to discuss upcoming reports and due dates concerning the Sunnyside Mines, and other technical issues regarding the proposed Sunnyside No. 5 Mine baseline studies. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the agreements reached during that meeting. The following points discuss those points.

- Because of changes to the permit boundary after the proposed Sunnyside No. 5 Mine vegetation data were collected, some of the sample sites for the Pinyon-Juniper Woodland are located outside of the new permit area. Since the sample sites are within the vegetation type, and near the present permit boundary, they will be included as part of the baseline information.
- I described the threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species survey that was conducted for Hedysarum occidentale canone for the No. 5 Mine property. These data were collected within the proposed project area and in adjacent areas. Data will be submitted as an appendix in the No. 5 Mine permit application. Kaiser will also consider submitting the information directly to the BLM for review.

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- The Division was approached regarding modification of the Sunnyside Mines reclamation plan. This modification would entail deletion of the requirement to replace pinyon pine and juniper trees on reclaimed areas. This request is based on the following: 1) wildlife habitat will be enhanced, 2) species diversity will probably increase compared with mature pinyon-juniper stands, and 3) vegetation cover and production will probably increase. Kathy will notify me concerning the Division's opinion regarding this issue.
- Kaiser has committed to submit details concerning the location and vegetative sampling data to show similarity with the previously established Pinyon-Juniper/Grass reference area (UMC 817.116 - .117 - SC; page 45. TA) (due February 10, 1986). Kaiser will submit this information to the Division by April 30, 1986.
- Because the Sunnyside Mines permit application was approved after January 1, 1986, all previous and current revegetation test plot data, as well as permanent reclamation data will be submitted to the Division in conjunction with the annual report. These data will be submitted starting March 31, 1987, and submitted on March 31 every year thereafter.

Sincerely,
Kaiser Coal Corporation



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