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Sandy,

Please try to locate the trip report or other info on King #6 mine which used to be referred to as the South Fork or Left-fork of ~~the~~ Miller Creek. See attached letter.

\* Lon, these are file copies. I will make copies to send, please return.



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25 JUL 1979

Mr. Ron Daniels  
Staff Assistant  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
Department of Natural Resources  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



Dear Ron:

We recently received your letter approving, with stipulations, the proposed King #6 Portal of the Hiawatha Mine. We believe we are in agreement with the three concerns listed in your letter. However, we do not have any recent correspondence from U. S. Fuel Company discussing the King #6 Portal. The approved mine plan addresses mining the coal, but does not speak to the surface disturbances your letter addressed. As Mr. Hardaway discussed with you, we can not approve such a proposal without the type of information you requested. We could not approve the portal if the information submitted consists only of the location and mine maps. If you are able to locate a trip report or other information, we would be pleased to use it in any further review.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Donald A. Crane*  
DONALD A. CRANE

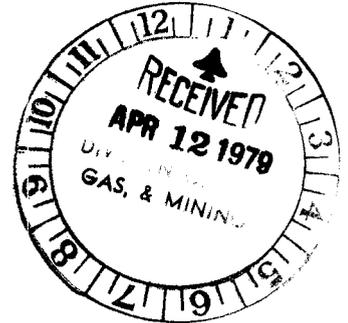


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Scott M. Matheson, Governor, State of Utah  
Anthony W. Mitchell, Ph.D., Executive Director

533-6146  
April 11, 1979

Mr. Bob Eccli  
Mine Engineer  
U.S. Fuel Company  
Hiawatha, UT 84527



RE: Slurry Impoundment No. 1

Dear Mr. Eccli:

We have reviewed the U.S. Fuel Company January 30, 1979 plan for reconstruction of the No. 1 slurry pond at Hiawatha. We have also reviewed the supporting report of August 1978 by Vaughn Hansen Associates and the February 1979 report by Rollins, Brown and Gunnell.

As a result we have no objection to the reconstruction of this slurry pond. However the adjacent Miller Creek rechannelization will require the issuance of a 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Contact Mr. Ralph Brown at 524-4264 for details.

The slurry pond dikes are to be reconstructed with a slope of two horizontal to one vertical. The pond will be used to totally contain a low sulfur coal slurry similar to existing slurry.

Additional construction plans should be submitted and a construction permit issued by this office prior to construction of any additional settling ponds. The potential discharge outlets from new settling ponds will need to provide appropriate skimming devices and be located several feet above the sediment level. Additional outlets will need approval similar to the two culinary water supply overflow locations specified in the current NPDES permit.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the water pollution regulations.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION COMMITTEE

  
Calvin K. Sudweeks  
Executive Secretary

SRM:laf

cc: Mike Thompson, Oil Gas Mining  
Southeast 208  
Southeast Health Dept.

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April 5, 1979

Mr. Bob Eccli  
U.S. Fuel Company  
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

Re: Reconstruction and initial  
use of Number 1 Slurry  
Impoundment

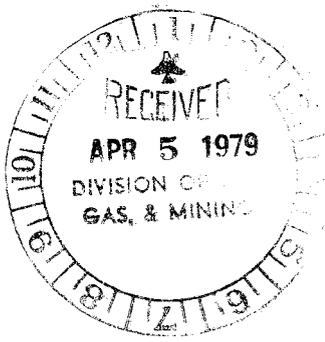
Dear Bob:

As per your telephone conversation with Mike Thompson of April 3, 1979, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining herein grants permission to begin discharging coal waste slurry into the Number 1 Slurry Impoundment. This approval is given with the understanding that the stage one buttress is completed, clearance to discharge has been obtained from MSHA and the State Engineer, and appropriate plans and construction schedules for the completion of the project, including sediment control and monitoring plans are forthcoming by May 7, 1979.

Sincerely,

*Cleon B Feight*  
CLEON B. FEIGHT  
DIRECTOR

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April 4, 1979

Mr. Ron Daniels  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
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Re: U.S. Fuel Slurry Pond No. 1 (Stage I Construction)

Dear Mr. Daniels:

The plans for the Stage I Construction for the above mentioned dam have been reviewed and approved by this office subject to the following conditions:

1. The final plans and specifications be submitted for review and comment.
2. Submit the cover sheet of the final plans for my signature when the review process is complete.
3. All material test results be submitted.

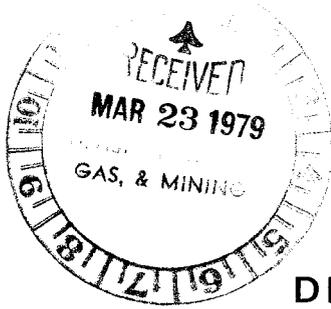
If you have any questions, please contact me or Bob Morgan of my staff.

Sincerely,

Dee C. Hansen  
State Engineer

DCH/BLM/lc

cc: Price Office  
Rollins, Brown & Gunnell, Inc.  
Bob Eccli



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March 15, 1979

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attn: Mr. K. Michael Thompson  
Engineering Geologist

Re: U.S. Fuel Slurry Pond No. 1 Hydrology Design

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have reviewed the material you sent to this office concerning the reconstruction of the above mentioned pond and are of the opinion that the design should be based on the 100-year event. It is my understanding that a spillway will not be provided and that the storm will be entirely contained in the pond. A failure of the embankment could possibly disrupt major transportation routes including the railroad and the highway.

Because of the chance for loss of life and damage to property, I would request that the construction of this project not be approved until such time as I have approved the final design and specifications.

Please continue to coordinate your efforts with Bob Morgan of my office.

Sincerely,

Dee C. Hansen  
State Engineer

DCH/RLM/jnt

cc: Price Office



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February 20, 1979

ACT/007/011

FILE

Mr. Bob Eccli  
Mine Engineer  
U.S. Fuel Company  
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

Dear Mr. Eccli:

Your request for approval to begin construction on the slurry impoundment No. 1 has been received and considered by the Division.

Permission is hereby granted to begin reconstruction of the slurry impoundment, located on fee-owned acreage, subject to the following considerations and/or conditions:

1. That the area to be used for the pond reconstruction is located wholly on previously-existing slurry pond areas.
2. That this approval to begin reconstruction does not commit the Division to approval of the plan for reconstruction as submitted on January 30, 1979.
3. That the plan, which provides for protection of the hydrologic system, dated August, 1978, and prepared by Vaughn Hansen and Associates is followed by U.S. Fuel, unless changes are prescribed by the Office of Surface Mining and the Division.
4. That all proposed stream channel diversions are designed and constructed to meet the requirements of the State Engineer, Division of Environmental Health, and the applicable hydrologic protection regulations of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Written approval from this division, the State Engineer, and the Division of Environmental Health prior to construction of the stream channel diversion is also required.
5. That the design criteria and requirements of the Board's Rule MC-717.18, and all applicable MSHA standards be followed in constructing the impoundment. A portion of these requirements are for a static safety factor of at least 1.5 for the impoundment itself.

Mr. Bob Eccli  
February 20, 1979  
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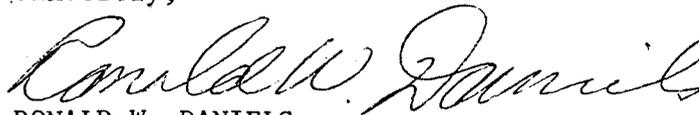
6. That consideration be given to the proposed permanent program regulations as set forth in 30 CFR 817.91-817.93 inclusive.

7. That no waste material be impounded in the proposed pond without the expressed written permission of the Division.

Per our telephone conversation of this date, the Division anticipates receiving your design criteria for the dam stability as per the standards in the next few days.

Through copying this letter to other involved agencies, they will be notified of this conditional approval action. Their response within two weeks of receipt of this letter is requested.

Sincerely,

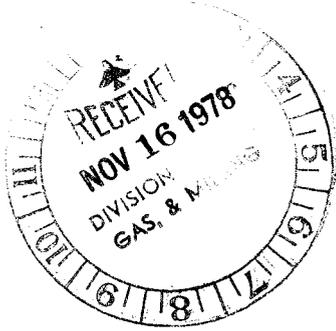


RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
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RWD/sp

enc: Vaughn Hansen report  
dated: August 1978  
U.S. Fuel reconstruction plan  
dated: 1/30/79  
U.S. Fuel letter dated: 2/7/79

cc: Murray Smith, O.S.M., Denver  
Bob Morgan, Water Rights  
Steve McNeal, State Health



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U.S. Fuel King #4  
JWS  
ACT/007/011*

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November 14, 1978



Mr. Jack Moffitt  
Area Mining Supervisor  
U.S.G.S. Conservation Division  
8426 Federal Building  
125 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

We have reviewed the mining plans and the Environmental Analysis for U.S. Fuel Company King #4 Coal Mine. We concur with your determination that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA, and the impact of the proposed action are not likely to be controversial.

Although we find no particular problem with the mining plan we can only concur conditionally to their approval as the Hydrologic Subsidence Monitoring Plan is not acceptable.

May I emphasize that the success of the subsidence/hydrologic monitoring is dependent upon establishment of baseline data upon which the effects of mining may be measured. The continuation of the mining without the baseline data being established may invalidate any future monitoring.

We feel it urgent to the success of resource monitoring at this mine that an acceptable plan be prepared as soon as possible. We request that baseline data be obtained and presented for review prior to approval of this mine plan.

Sincerely,

Reed C. Christensen

REED C. CHRISTENSEN  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Ron W. Daniels, Div. of Oil, Gas, & Mining, S.L.C.



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August 14, 1978

Mr. Tom Ehmett  
Office of Surface Mining  
Old post Office Bldg. - Room 270  
1823 Stout Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Tom,

Enclosed is a July 17, 1978 communication to you which was never sent due to the opinion of the Solicitor on this subject. (Copy enclosed)

The Solicitor's opinion, dated July 11, 1978, essentially answers the questions posed to you in the July 17, 1978 letter.

I am sending both of these documents to you to update your files on the proposed work of U.S. Fuels at its Hiawatha Office Complex.

Please call or write if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
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enc: Letter dated July 17, 1978  
from Ron Daniels  
Letter dated July 11, 1978  
from O.S.M.  
U.S. Fuels Memo from June 29, 1978  
Map



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July 17, 1978

Mr. Tom Ehmett  
Office of Surface Mining  
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1823 Stout Street  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is a memo which the Division received from Mr. Bob Eccli of U.S. Fuel Company relative to the construction of a new office and equipment storage yard adjacent to the company's present operation in Carbon County, Utah. A copy of a map of the proposed complex is also included for your review.

Mr. Eccli was given verbal permission to begin grading the site and was offered the opinion, pending OSM concurrence, that no particular hydrologic or engineering specifications needed to be made relative to the final grading of the site. The company has committed verbally to conserving available surficial soils for ultimate use in final landscaping of the complex.

This communication seeks your agency's agreement with the Division's determination that this newly proposed complex does not fall under the definition of "underground coal mining and associated reclamation operations" as set forth in Section 717.11 (1) of the interim program rules.

Please advise us by August 1, 1978 as to what your position is in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Enclosures: Map  
U.S. Fuel's memo of 6/29/78

cc: Larry Lopez  
OSM-Denver



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May 11, 1978

Mr. James R. Pennington, Pres.  
U.S. Fuel Company  
19th Floor University Club Bldg.  
136 East South Temple  
SLC, UT.

Re: Hiawatha Complex  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pennington:

As you know, under Section 502 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (P.L. 95-87), you are required to have a State permit for your mining operations issued under State Law.

This is to inform you that for the purposes of Section 502 of the Act and Section 700.5 of the Federal Regulations, you have adequately complied with Section 40-8-23 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act in that you have submitted a Notice of Intent and a Reclamation Plan or filed a Notice of Intent and have complied with the 30-CFR-211 regulations and therefore are operating with the expressed permission of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. According to Sections 40-8-17 (1) and 40-8-23 (5) you are bound to comply with all applicable laws and regulations prior to your final approval under 40-8-13 and 40-8-14 (U.C.A.). Publication of said tentative approval will be made as required by Section 40-8-13 (4), U.C.A.

The tentatively approved permit number for this mine is ACT/007/011, and is revocable at any time by the Division until a final permit is issued under P.L. 95-87.

According to 715.11 (b) and 717.11 (b) of the Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter is to be available at the mine site.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
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