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Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Ron:

This office has reviewed the proposal from the U.S. Fuel Company to construct a mine ventilation fan for the King No. 4 Mine. You mentioned in your letter of February 28, 1980 that the State comments were forwarded to this office on August 7, 1979. This office does not have a record of this letter. We received information of the fan portal proposal through correspondence with Mr. Suchoski, of your staff, dated January 9, 1980. Enclosed with this correspondence was your letter of July 5, 1979 to the U.S. Fuel Company. In this letter, you offered the concerns of your office about the fan facility. After consultation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, we give our approval to the construction of the fan portal and related facilities provided that the conditions noted below are met.

Disturbance associated with the fan facilities will include the fan portal pad (about a half-acre in size), an 800 foot extension to the existing jeep road, and the power transmission line. The two lower stream crossings are designed as stream fords using a gravel pad. The upper crossing will be culverted with a 36-inch corrugated metal pipe. These criteria meet the the requirements of 30 CFR 717.17(j). It is suggested that since no drainage ditches are anticipated for the road, drainage should be provided by surface dips at a spacing adequate to minimize erosion on the roadbed.

OSM is concerned about the installation of the electric power transmission lines. Power lines should be constructed to minimize impacts on the environment and upon wildlife. The applicant is referred to the two enclosed reports for information on the design and construction of electric power transmission lines.

On October 12, 1979, Ms. Wright and Mr. Suchoski, of your staff, sent a list of concerns to U.S. Fuel Company. Included in this list was a suggested seed mixture. After reviewing this mixture, it is recommended that crested wheatgrass, smooth brome, orchard grass, and alfalfa be either omitted from the mixture or extremely limited in their application.

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A copy of this letter is enclosed for transmittal to the applicant by your office. If you have any questions regarding this review, contact John Nadolski (303) 837-3773 of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dm', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DONALD A. CRANE

Enclosures

cc: Berggren, BLM, Price