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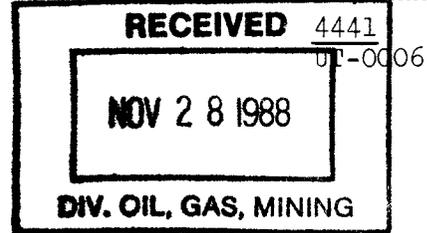


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November 22, 1988

In Reply Refer To:

Ms. Jean Semborski  
U.S. Fuel Company  
Hiawatha, Utah 84527



Dear Ms. Semborski:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has terminated, effective immediately, Federal permit UT-0006, issued on March 13, 1987, for U.S. Fuel Company's Hiawatha Complex mine. The Federal permit was terminated in accordance with OSMRE's Directive on the Termination of Federal Permits because the State has a cooperative agreement that delegates the permitting responsibilities on Federal lands to the State, and Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM) has issued State permit ACT/007/011 for the Hiawatha Complex mine in accordance with the Utah State program and cooperative agreement.

I have enclosed the memorandum terminating the Federal permit. Attached to the memorandum are the applicable standard conditions of approval of the Hiawatha Complex mine mining plan approved by the Assistant Secretary on July 16, 1986, for Federal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923. These conditions were previously incorporated in the Federal permit. Notwithstanding the termination of the Federal permit, these conditions remain in full force and effect.

Utah DOGM is now the regulatory authority for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands at the Hiawatha Complex mine under the Utah State permit ACT/007/011, the Utah State program, and the cooperative agreement. Mining operations on Federal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923 must be conducted in accordance with the approved mining plan including the standard conditions, the leases, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, and its implementing regulations, as well as the State permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-5658.

Sincerely,

*Ranvir Singh*  
Ranvir Singh, Chief  
Federal Lands Branch

Enclosures

cc: Director, Utah DOGM ✓  
Director, Albuquerque Field Office  
BLM, Utah State Office  
BLM, Moab District Office  
BLM, Price Resource Area Office  
U.S. Forest Service, Manti-LaSal National Forest  
B. McCue, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Salt Lake City



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UT-0006

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Federal Programs Division

THROUGH: *Ranvir Singh*  
Chief, Federal Lands Branch

FROM: Richard Holbrook, Project Leader *Richard Holbrook*

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Terminate Federal Permit UT-0006 for the U.S. Fuel Company Hiawatha Complex Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah

### I. Recommendation

I recommend termination of Federal permit UT-0006, issued on March 13, 1987, and revised March 20, 1987 for the U.S. Fuel Company Hiawatha Complex mine. My recommendation is based on the existence of the Utah cooperative agreement which provides for the delegation to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) of the permitting responsibilities for operations on Federal lands pursuant to Section 523 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA); the issuance of the Utah State permit ACT/007/011 in accordance with the Utah State program and cooperative agreement; incorporation of all necessary Federal permit conditions in the State permit; and the approved mining plan for Federal leases, SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923. Attached to this memorandum are the applicable standard conditions of approval of the Hiawatha Complex mine mining plan approved by the Assistant Secretary on July 16, 1986, for Federal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923. These conditions were previously incorporated in the Federal permit. Notwithstanding the termination of the Federal permit, these conditions will remain in full force and effect.

Utah DOGM has reviewed the permit application package (PAP) for the Hiawatha Complex mine under the Utah State program and cooperative agreement (30 CFR 944.30) and has issued Utah permit ACT/007/011 authorizing surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal and non-Federal lands in the permit area pursuant to the State program and cooperative agreement. A copy of the bond in the amount of \$3,779,000, payable to the United States and the State of Utah, is on file with OSMRE.

This permit termination is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process because the Federal permit and mining plan approval were previously covered by the NEPA process (i.e., OSMRE's Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impact dated May 12, 1986 and March 16, 1987)

## II. Background

The Hiawatha Complex underground coal mine is located in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah, 15 miles southwest of Price, Utah. The Utah State permit area contains approximately 12,605 acres, approximately 2703 acres of which are leased Federal coal in the mining plan area for Federal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923.

The Hiawatha Complex mine mining plan was originally approved under the Federal lands program on July 16, 1986, and the mine was permitted by OSMRE under the Federal lands program and Utah State program on March 13, 1987. Since the original approval of the mining plan, there has been one mining plan modification approved on March 20, 1987.

OSMRE's Albuquerque Field Office was consulted on November 10, 1988 and has indicated that no pending enforcement actions are associated with the Federal permit for the Hiawatha Complex mine.

The Federal permit contained 19 special conditions of approval.

All special conditions of the Federal permit are also conditions of the State permit and all have been satisfied (See Utah DOGM letter to U.S. Fuel Company dated January 21, 1988).

The standard conditions of the existing mining plan approval are appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. There are no remaining special conditions of approval of the mining plan.

## III. Approval:

I approve the termination of Federal permit UT-0006, issued on March 13, 1987, for the Hiawatha Complex mine. The applicable standard conditions of the mining plan approved by the Assistant Secretary on July 16, 1986, are appended to as Attachment A and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding this permit termination approval.

*Ranvir Singh*

*Acting*

Chief, Federal Programs Division  
Western Field Operations  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

*11/22/88*

Date

CONDITIONS  
OF  
MINING PLAN APPROVAL

This document contains the applicable conditions of approval of the Hiawatha Complex mine mining plan approved on July 16, 1986, for Federal coal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923. U.S. Fuel Company is hereinafter referred to as the lessee/operator.

- Condition 1. Statutes and Regulations.--The mining plan approval was made pursuant to Federal coal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.). The mining plan approval is subject to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior including, but not limited to, 30 CFR Chapter VII and 43 CFR Group 3400, and to all regulations of the Secretary of Energy, which are now or hereafter in force; and all such regulations are made a part hereof. The lessee/operator shall comply with the provisions of the Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and other applicable Federal laws.
- Condition 2. The current mining plan approved on July 16, 1986, covers all or portions of Federal coal leases SL-025431, SL-069985, U-058261, U-026583, U-51923 as described below:

T. 15 S., R. 7 E., S.L.M

- Sec. 13: S1/2  
Sec. 24: N1/2, SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4  
Sec. 25: E1/2NW1/4, W1/2E1/2  
Sec. 36: E1/2

T. 15 S., R. 8 E., S.L.M.

- Sec. 20: NW1/4  
Sec. 31: All

T. 16 S., R. 8 E., S.L.M.

Sec. 5: Lots 1, 5, 8, 12

Sec. 6: Lots 1 through 9

as shown on the map appended hereto as Exhibit A.

- Condition 3. The lessee/operator shall conduct coal development and mining operations only as described in the complete permit application package approved by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of the mining plan approval as contained herein.
- Condition 4. The lessee/operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the leases and the approved mining plan, and the requirements of the Utah Permit number ACT/007/011 issued under the Utah State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.).
- Condition 5. The mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, cancelled, or withdrawn.
- Condition 6. The lessee/operator shall allow the authorized representatives of the Secretary, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, without advance notice or a search warrant, upon presentation of appropriate credentials, and without delay to:
- a. Have the rights-of-entry provided for in 30 CFR 842.13, 43 CFR Group 3400, and UMC/SMC 840.12 and 842.13; and
  - b. Be accompanied by private persons for the purpose of conducting an inspection in accordance with 30 CFR 842.12 and UMC/SMC 842.12, when the inspection is in response to an alleged violation reported by the private person.
- Condition 7. If during the course of mining operations previously unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the lessee/operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and OSMRE. The lessee/operator shall take such necessary actions as are required by Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in coordination with OSMRE.

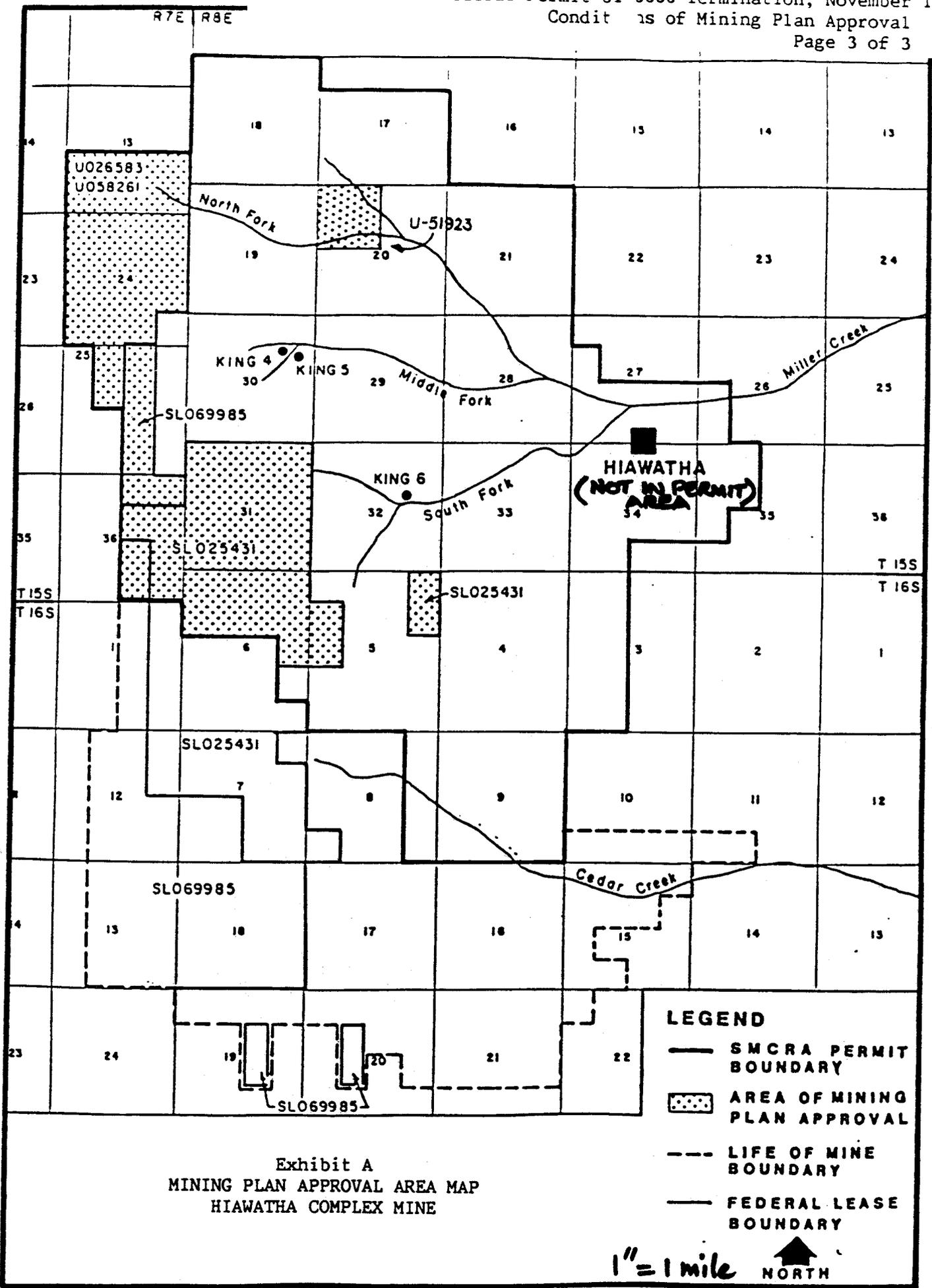


Exhibit A  
 MINING PLAN APPROVAL AREA MAP  
 HIAWATHA COMPLEX MINE

- LEGEND**
- SMCRA PERMIT BOUNDARY
  - ▤ AREA OF MINING PLAN APPROVAL
  - - - LIFE OF MINE BOUNDARY
  - FEDERAL LEASE BOUNDARY

1" = 1 mile NORTH