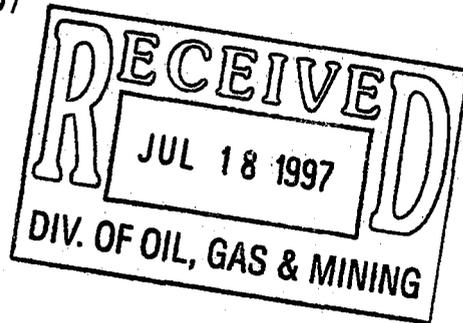


16 July 1997



Via Fax 801-942-1852

Mr. Wayne Western  
Mining Engineer  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Ste. 1210  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re: Application for Minor Permit Modification for Construction of a Modular Coal Preparation Plant (ACT/007/012) Submitted to DOGM on June 30, 1997.

Dear Mr. Western:

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*Jopy Haron*

Thank you for your communications and assistance today. As you know, JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. acts as technical consultant for the preparation and submission of the permit modification application referenced above. We understand that a question has arisen with regard to soils and that certain information is necessary to continue with the Division's review of the application.

On behalf of the parties involved in the application, we request a five day freeze on the application review by the Division so that we may conduct the field investigation (scheduled for tomorrow with a Division representative) and collect the necessary data to supply the needed information. We believe that the data requested can be supplied to the Division by July 21, 1997.

Wayne, our client, Covol Technologies, Inc., has asked us to take a "partnering" approach with the Division with this permit modification application. Ultimately, we believe that this operation will reduce the reclamation issues that exist at the Wellington Preparation Plant site. We appreciate your willingness to identify issues with the application that we can constructively resolve so as to provide the Division with the information it needs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Thompson".

Tim Thompson P.E.  
Project Engineer

cc: Patrick Collins, Mt. Nebo Scientific  
Harlan Hatfield, Covol Technologies, Inc.