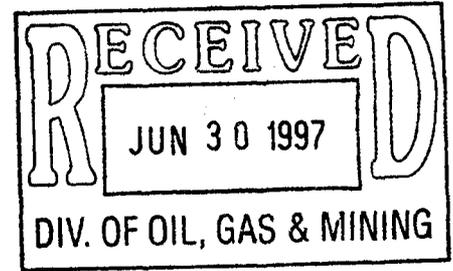

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Mr. Daron Haddock
 STATE OF UTAH
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 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

RE: Minor Amendment for Construction of a Modular Coal Preparation Plant
 at the Wellington Preparation Plant (ACT/007/012) #2

Daron, Joe

Dear Mr. Haddock:

As the representative for the "Permittee" (NEICO) at the Wellington Preparation Plant, I have included three (3) copies of an Application for Permit Processing in behalf of Covol Technologies, Inc. Covol has a lease agreement with the "Operator" (Earthco) for the eastern portion of the permit area which contains the coal refuse ponds at the site.

The application package herein has been prepared by JBR Consultants, Inc. with input from Covol. The intent of this minor amendment to the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) is to allow construction of facilities of a modular coal preparation plant. This submittal addresses the initial construction activities only and will be followed by a separate amendment for mining and operation in the coal refuse ponds area.

The "redline/strikeout" method has been used to modify the existing plan and to describe the proposed construction activities. A thorough review of the current approved MRP was conducted, followed by changes to appropriate pages and maps to reflect the new plan. We hope that this results in a clear document that can be reviewed and approved in a short time-frame.

To assist in the Division's understanding, Covol and JBR would be glad to come in to your office for a technical briefing. Please contact Covol or Tim Thompson, JBR (ph. 943-4144), if you have any questions. Thank you for your prompt consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Collins, Ph.D.
 Resident Agent/Environmental Consultant

cc: D. Schwehr (NEICO)
 J. Slusser (Earthco)
 S. Brown (Covol)
 T. Thompson (JBR)

