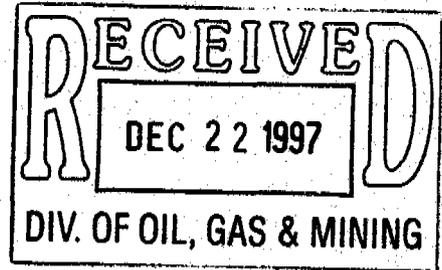


December 22, 1997

Mr. Daron Haddock
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RE: ~~Submission of Additional Information in Response to December 15, 1997 Technical Analysis - NEICO, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012, Carbon County, Utah~~

Dear Mr. Haddock:

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This submission is in response to the Division's December 15, 1997 technical analysis on the amendment to the above referenced permit. These changes provide the information requested and comply with the discussions held between yourself and staff and myself and Tim Thompson in your offices last Friday, December 19th.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to move this review and approval along as rapidly as you can. Covol will be ready to start their plant within the next week or two and will need your approval to do so. We view Sharon's offer to review this material tomorrow and prepare a recommendation for approval on the same day as an extraordinary effort. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian W. Buck".

Brian W. Buck
 Vice President

cc: Steve Brown
 Harlan Hatfield
 Patrick Collins
 Steve Traweek