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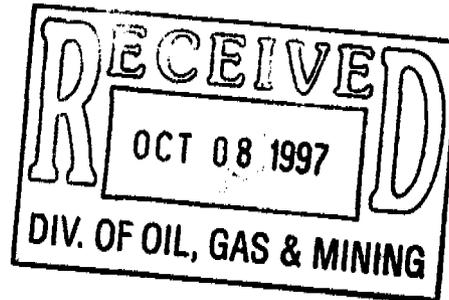
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**Re: Requested information to the Technical Analysis of the Postmining Land Use Change Dated Sept. 18, 1997**

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Following is the information requested from Wayne Western through the above dated letter.

**R645-301-526 – R645-301-541.300**

**TRACK HOPPER**

The track hopper is designed for receiving raw product (coal) for processing. The facility was used for years for accepting raw coal to be washed in the Wellington Preparation Plant. The facility is equipped with conveyors that can mix several different products for processing. At this time there are numerous parties interested in the facility that would use it from processing coal to accepting and processing iron slag. All parties that have inspected the facility have accepted it in it's condition at this time.

The track hopper is located underground within the rail spur associated with the Wellington Preparation Plant. The track hopper does not pose any pollution hazards to the environment.

**SAND HOPPER**

The Sand Hopper is the same type of facility as the Track Hopper only smaller. It is located approximately 200 yards south of the Track Hopper. This facility was used to accept fine sand for the washing of coal at the Wellington Preparation Plant. This facility is equipped with similar equipment as the Track Hopper, only on a smaller scale. It is also located underground within the rail spur at the site. This facility has also been inspected and is acceptable as is for future industrial uses. The Sand Hopper does not pose any pollution hazards to the environment.

**PLANT RAILROAD**

The Rail Spur located at the Wellington Preparation Plant is one of the largest privately owned spurs in Carbon County, Utah. Over the past 10 years numerous development companies have attempted to develop the associated land and reintroduce the site as an aggressive Industrial area, this would have great impacts on Carbon County and the State of Utah. At this time EARTHCO Inc., has commitments for the immediate development associated with the rail spur. The rail spur has been inspected by Southern Pacific Railroad, and is approved for use following minor upgrades (de-vegetation and cleaning). The Rail Spur does not pose any pollution hazards to the environment.

**SUBSTATION, POWER LINE WEST OF THE PRICE RIVER, NATURAL GAS LINE**

These utilities were installed and are maintained by the utility companies supplying the services needed to operate at the Wellington Preparation Plant. These facilities will be put back into service as soon as the Post Mining Land use Change - August 1997 is approved and new construction can begin. These utilities do not pose any pollution hazards to the environment.

**R645-542.300**

Provide the division with a contour map that shows the surface configuration of the industrial site and surrounding area after final reclamation.

See new map enclosed.

**R645-301-542.600**

This section requires that roads be reclaimed immediately after it is no longer needed for mining and reclamation operations.

The road in question is the haulage road, it is the main access to the facility from ridge road which is maintained by Carbon County. The drainage control that is in place at this time will not be changed. The road will continue to be maintained and the drainage maintained until which time the road is no longer needed. This road will continue to be the main access for the property. The road will continue to be used as current and future reclamation operations continue. If during new construction the road will need to be changed, permits will be required to do so through the building dept. of Carbon County. Carbon County will require that if the road is changed new drainage designs will be required .

Please forward to the appropriate parties for approval.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 637-4155.

Sincerely,  
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