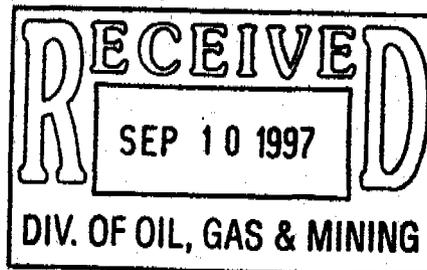


September 10, 1997

Mr. Daron Haddock
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Re: Refuse Basin Mining and Wash Plant Operation Minor Amendment Submittal -
Covol Wash Plant and Refuse Pond Mining - NEICO, Wellington Preparation Plant,
ACT007/012-97D, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Daron:

Attached are three copies of the minor amendment referenced above. This submittal addresses the dredging and processing of the refuse basin coal fines. It builds upon, but does not change, the construction revision amendment submitted on 9/5/97.

The redline/strikeout method was again used to illustrate changes to the existing permit. Since the 9/5/97 submittal has not yet been approved, the redline/strikeout portions of that document are shown in their entirety in this package.

To assist in the Division's understanding, Covol and JBR intend to come in to your office for a technical briefing. In the meantime, please contact Steve Brown, Covol, 768-4481 or Tim Thompson, JBR, 943-4144 if you have any questions. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Tim Thompson, P.E.

cc:

Steve Brown
Harlan Hatfield
Patrick Collins
D. Schwehr
Steve Traweek