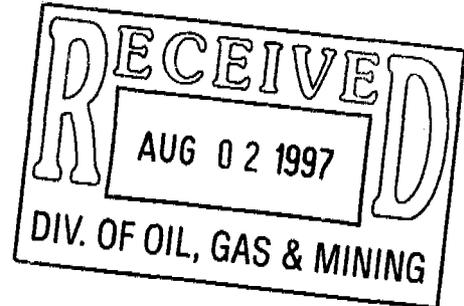


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August 29, 1997

Ms. Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Coordinator
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801



Re: R645-400-327.100, Extension for NOV 97-414-1

*ACT/007/012 #5
NOV file*

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

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Due to conditions that have been completely out of our control and in an effort to work within the guidelines that DOGM has set. EarthCo would like to utilize R645-400-327.100 which states: "Where the permittee of an ongoing permitted operation has timely applied for and diligently pursued a permit renewal or other necessary approval of designs or plans but such permit or approval has not been or will not be issued within 90 days after a valid permit expires or is required, for reasons not within the control of the permittee". EarthCo at this time is requesting a 90 day extension which would expire on December 2, 1997.

Please forward to the appropriate parties for approval.

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

Sincerely,
EarthCo

Steve Traweek
Sr. Project Manager / Resident Agent - Wellington Preparation Plant

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