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Melvin A. Coonrod  
Environmental Industrial Services  
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Re: Coal Waste Recovery, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Coonrod:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 22, 1997, with its attachment. The letter was addressed to Lowell Braxton, Deputy Director. I have some concerns about the plans outlined in the letter.

Foremost, some of the activities discussed in the attachment are not in compliance with the approved operation and reclamation plan. While the Division strongly supports the concept of using coal waste to reduce reclamation liability, it is essential that the activities be done in accordance with the approved plan. Although the plan discussed in your letter and the attachment may ultimately be acceptable, it needs to be reviewed in the context of the regulations governing operation and reclamation plans and in light of the existing plan. The plan to remove some of the coal fines would be a larger scale operation than what is discussed in the current operation and reclamation plan, and it would generate waste products. The Division will need to conduct a complete review of these proposed activities.

Also, any amendment to the plan needs to be submitted and signed by a representative of the permittee, such as a resident agent or officer or director. The Division will only review plan changes submitted by the permittee.

I understand you have contracted with Earthco to revise parts of the plan, and I look forward to working with you. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker'.

Paul B. Baker  
Reclamation Biologist

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cc: Lowell Braxton  
Joe Helfrich  
PFO

