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Steve Traweek, Resident Agent
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Re: Approval of Proposed Topsoil Borrow Areas and Completion of Midterm Review Requirements, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-MT97(97I), Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Traweek:

The Division has reviewed your February 6 & 13, 1998 submittals which proposed to amend the topsoil borrow areas at the Wellington Prep Plant site. You have now satisfied the requirements for the alternative borrow sites and this amendment is hereby approved. This amendment was prompted by the midterm permit review which required additional information on sources of soil and cover material to be used during final reclamation of the site. All requirements of the midterm review have been completed and the outstanding deficiencies have been adequately addressed. With the approval of this amendment and completion of the midterm review, Notice of Violation (N97-41-4-1) is also satisfied.

Part of this amendment included bond cost estimates based on the revised reclamation plans. We have reviewed the cost estimates and have also determined that the bond for the Wellington Preparation Plant site can be reduced from \$6,036,000 to \$4,904,000. This adjustment is due primarily to shorter haul distances for topsoil borrow that were identified closer to the refuse piles.

A number of submittals were made to address these midterm review issues and amend your plan. Clean copies of the approved amendments are needed in order to incorporate them into your Mining and Reclamation Plan. Please provide three (3) copies of the amendments by no later than March 4, 1998. Your consultant may need to get with us to determine which pages to incorporate.

Thank you for your help in completing this permitting action. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

cc: Patrick Collins
Paul Baker

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