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Mr. Ron Daniels
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Utah Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Reference: Submittal of Swisher Coal Company for Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine

Dear Ron:

On November 6, 1979, Swisher Coal Company submitted plans for the Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine. This office is assuming that this submittal is in response to the stipulations of the 211 mine plan approval. The approval was given in correspondence from Mr. James Travis of the U. S. Geological Survey to Mr. Max Robb of Swisher Coal Company on January 24, 1978.

There were several stipulations attached to the approval (See Attachment). Under the stipulations, Swisher Coal Company must comply with the provisions of 30 CFR 700 series. 30 CFR 710.11(3)(ii) requires that on and after May 3, 1978, any person conducting coal mining operations shall comply with the initial regulatory program.

This office is currently reviewing the Swisher Coal Company's submittal of November 6, 1979. We will be using the interim regulatory program as guidelines in the review and will be sending you a letter regarding our review after consultation with the U. S. Geological Survey. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this review.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for transmittal to the applicant by your office. If you have any questions with regard to this review, please contact John Nadolski of my staff (303-837-3773).

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

Attachment

cc: Moffitt-USGS, SLC



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January 24, 1978

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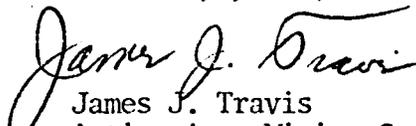
Dear Mr. Robb:

The 211 mining plans received at this office on May 17, 1977, for the Gordon Creek No. 2 mine are approved, subject to the following stipulations:

1. The provisions of 30 CFR 700 series dated December 13, 1977, are to be complied with. Some time after May 3, 1978, (30 CFR 710.11 (3)(ii) you will be informed of any necessary additions or changes to the plan.
2. An approved subsidence and hydrologic plan will be necessary for complete approval of the mining plans. These plans were received in this office on December 29, 1977. They are in the reviewing process.
3. The "Roof Control Plan" attached to the narrative is approved by MESA and is subject to review every six months by them.
4. The plan is subject to the agreement with the surface owners.
5. It will be necessary to comply with the regional impact statement when they are finalized.

Attached is an approved copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan, dated May 17, 1977. Any deviations, changes, additions, and modifications from this plan must be approved by this office.

Sincerely yours,


James J. Travis
Acting Area Mining Supervisor

Attachment