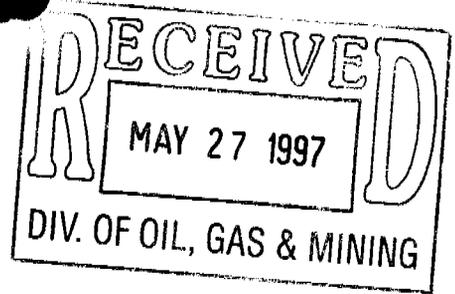




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Re: Deficiencies in Revised Soldier Canyon Mine Plan, ACT/007/018-96A, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

In your letter to Rick Olsen dated March 28, 1997, regarding the above referenced permitting action, you state that we must address TA issues within 60 days. The 60 day allowance would be up by next week and we do not yet have all of the information required to address the TA issues, such as the Prime Farmland determination to be prepared by NRCS. We respectfully request a time extension on this permitting action. As you are aware Keith ZoBell has recently retired leaving us short-handed. A replacement for Keith has been hired and will begin work on May 27 but will take some time to become familiar with the Utah Regulatory Program.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. If there are any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Barry Barnum

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