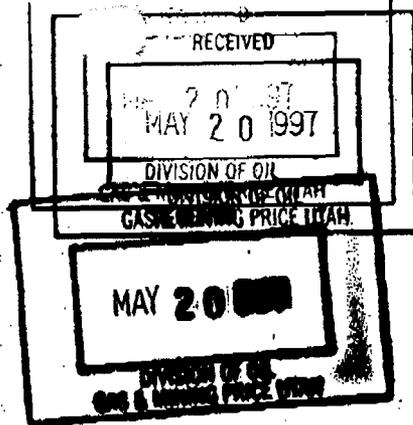




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Re: Approval of Exploration Plan

Dear Mr. Stephens:

The Soldier Canyon Mine would like to drill three exploration drill holes in the summer of 1997. Enclosed please find five copies of our proposed exploration plan which is submitted for the Bureau's approval.

We expect to have only mid-June to the end of August in which we could drill these holes because of wildlife, hunting seasons and other restrictions. Thus, it is most important that we receive approval as soon as possible in order to schedule contractors.

We are scheduling archeological, T and E and raptor surveys for as soon as the area is free of snow. Soldier Canyon will also apply to the Utah Division of Water Rights for the right to appropriate water.

Let us know if there is anything else we can do to help ensure timely approval of this exploration plan.

Sincerely,
SOLDIER CANYON MINE

R. W. Olsen
General Manager

Enclosure

- cc: Alex Papp, ARCO Coal Company
- Barry Barnum, Skyline
- Chris Kravits, SUFCO
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