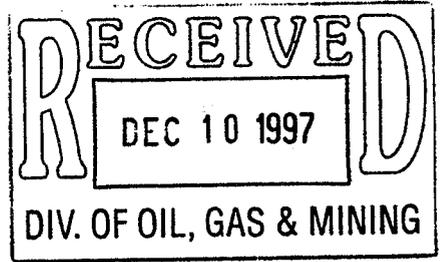


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**Horizon Coal Corporation  
P.O. Box 599  
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December 8, 1997

Mr. Robert Davidson  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Subject: Notice of Violation N97-45-1-1  
ACT 007/020, Horizon Coal Corporation,  
Carbon County, Utah

*Copy Bob - NOV file  
ACT/007/020 #5*

Dear Bob,

On behalf of Horizon Coal Corporation I am requesting an extension of the abatement date for completion of the requirements of N97-45-1-1. A submittal was made on December 5, 1997 to address additional issues discussed in a meeting on December 4, 1997. The Division staff will require additional time to complete the review of the data submitted.

Once the review is completed, EarthFax should be able to address any additional comments within a week's time, therefore we are requesting an extension to the 22nd of December. Should you need additional time for review please extend the data accordingly. Thank you for your assistance in this extension.

Sincerely yours,

*Vicky*  
Vicky S. Bailey

cc: Bill Malencik  
Joe Helfrich - gave Joe his copy