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Mr. Joseph A. Harvey  
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RE: Notice of Intention to  
Commence Coal Exploration  
Carbon County, Utah  
CEP/007/022

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Thank you for your August 25, 1982 letter regarding Brigham Young University's proposed coal exploration operations in Carbon County, Utah. The plan meets the requirements of parts 776 and 815 of the regulations promulgated under the 1979 Act, "Regulation of Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations", Title 40-10-1 et seq, Utah Code Annotated 1953.

The Division remains concerned about certain aspects of the exploration plan. Of chief concern is the feasibility of constructing an exploration road on the steep side hill for which it is proposed, and still abide by the requirements of UMC 817.170 thru 817.176. At no time should the road be located within the intermittent stream channel of the side canyon [UMC 817.171 (b)]. The overall grade of the road cannot exceed 10 percent [817.172 (a)(i)].

A second concern is the possible necessity for blasting road cuts into the steep sloped outcrops on the hill side. This would require the applicant to commit to operating within the requirements of UMC 817.61 thru 817.68 prior to the use of any explosives.

As an alternative to the proposed construction, the Division recommends the applicant investigate the possibility of using the old road which starts at the Lone Pine Mine and terminates on the hillside just below the proposed drilling site. Field investigation by the Division found this old road to be in fairly good shape with only a few areas of rough spots. This could be a viable alternative to what looks to be a difficult construction job. A second alternative, of course, is heli-drilling.

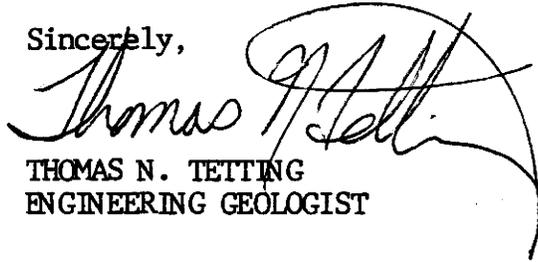
Should the applicant find that modifications to the original exploration plan are necessary the Division should be contacted with an amended plan. The Division hereby issues approval for the exploration operations as described in the exploration plan with the expectations that the applicant meet the requirements of the forementioned sections of the regulations.

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Upon completion of the exploration operations the Division will require notification of completion and a description of the plugging and reclamation activities which have taken place for each site.

Thank you for your cooperation. In reply, please refer to CEP/007/022. If any questions should arise please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas N. Tetting". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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