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J. King
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Task 2267

RE: Savage Services Corporation "Savage Coal Terminal" - Application for a Permit Revision, B.T.U. Resource Recovery

Dear Sir or Madam:

This in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining's (UT-DOGM) June 4, 2005, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, B.T.U. Resource Recovery, has determined that it proposes to utilize refuse material as a B.T.U. resource recovery material at the Savage Coal Terminal, Utah State permit C/007/022. Under this alternative proposal for the refuse pile removal, refuse will be blended with coal product and shipped to a consumer for burning.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, B.T.U. Resource Recovery with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the June 14, 21005 request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.



In an electronic transmittal dated June 15, 2005, the U.S. Forest Service stated it had no comments or concerns with the permit revision.

In an electronic transmittal dated June 20, 2005, the Bureau of Land Management stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ranvir Singh', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ranvir Singh *acting*
Manager, Northwest Branch

cc: BLM - Utah State Office
BLM - Price Field Office
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