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DIVISION OF
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State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attention: Mr. Ron Daniels (Director)
Mr. Jim Smith

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Re: J. B. King Mine Mining Plan

ACT/015/002

Dear Sirs:

Please be informed that we at the above referenced mine are commencing activities in the following areas.

- 1) Facing up operations to develop a new portal area with three entries.
- 2) Reconstruction of the refuse disposal site to conform with state and federal standards.
- 3) A complete and comprehensive plan for surface runoff control from the surface mining area.

It is our intention to accomplish the above tasks as follows:

- 1A. Earth materials are being removed and altered to construct a leveled portal work area. A sufficient quantity of earth has been removed from the cliff face to expose the coal seam being mined. Mining procedures have been started to mine three entries westward and break out at the faced-up area, thus creating the new entries. Approximately 400 feet remain.

Once the entries have broken through, mining operations shall be stopped and the existing mine fan shall be relocated to the new entries. New ventilation plans shall be submitted for approvals and all mining activities from that time forward will be oriented through these new entries.

A belt line to transport coal out of the mine will be installed in the center entry.

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1A. (continued)

A general map is enclosed to show the location of the new portal area. New aerial photos will be submitted in the near future.

2A. The existing refuse pile shall be expanded to the west and southwest with appropriate drainage control.

The present refuse stockpile area is approved under I. D. Number 1211-UT-9-0020 and hopefully will remain so with the following modifications:

The natural drainage just north of the refuse pile shall be protected by plus 4-inch rip rap and shall be diked on the south side to prevent any refuse-contaminated runoff from entering the natural drainage. The proposed dike shall control all runoff from the refuse area and shall discharge into the sedimentation pond.

Aerial photos have been taken of the mine property as of December 19, 1979. Complete design plans shall be submitted as soon as new maps are received.

A general map is enclosed showing the proposed expansion area.

3A. The complete and comprehensive surface runoff plan shall be submitted on new aerial-contoured mine maps. The plan shall utilize drainage ditches to channel all runoff from the disturbed area into the sedimentation pond.

Progress on these items shall proceed as rapidly as possible. Design information shall be submitted in the near future. If further information is necessary concerning this letter, please call.

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May this letter serve as a narrative statement with regard to a revised mining plan in follow-up to our December 14, 1979, letter to your office (see item 5, page 2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Honey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Brian Honey
Chief Engineer

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cc: Darnay, Carpio, Honey, File
enclosure