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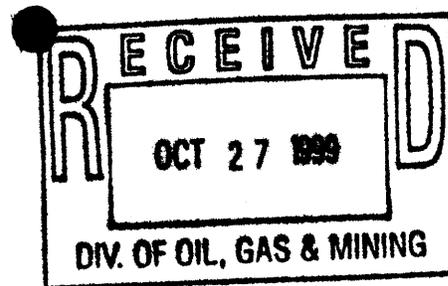
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RE: J.B. King Mine Bond Release Review
ML 1003, et. al
Permit #ACT/015/002 #2
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mary Ann:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the final reclamation of surface disturbances located on trust lands within the J.B. King Mine permit boundary. Based upon discussions with John Blake, Mineral Resource Specialist and Jan Parmenter, Reality Specialist for the Trust Lands Administration, please consider the following:

The Trust Lands Administration concurs with leaving the sediment impoundment in place. The relatively small amount of water flowing into the impoundment each year may provide an incremental enhancement to post-mining grazing practices in the area. The impoundment is typical of many similar stock watering ponds constructed by ranchers and landowners throughout Emery County and we do not believe long term maintenance is an issue.

The Trust Lands Administration would prefer that the land be returned as near as possible to the pre-mining condition, therefore, we request that the fence, including the metal gate posts which are set in concrete be removed as part of the reclamation effort. We also request that at the conclusion of reclamation the signboard and posts identifying the project area also be removed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact John Blake or me.

Sincerely,
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

James D. Cooper
Assistant Director