



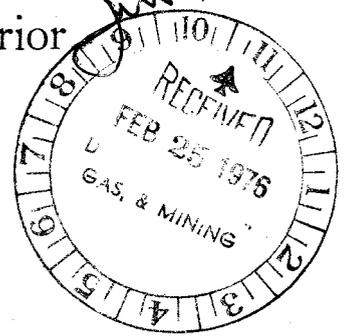
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United States Department of the Interior

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Salt Lake City, Utah, 84138



February 24, 1976

Mr. Cleon B. Feight
Director (Div. of Oil, Gas, and Mining)
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Public meeting and onsite inspection
of Swisher Coal Company's proposal
to reopen the old Leamaster mine.

Dear Mr. Feight:

The Swisher Coal Company has submitted a proposal to this office to reopen the old Leamaster mine, an underground coal mine, in Mill Fork Canyon of lower Huntington Canyon, Emery County, Utah. The mine consists of a 160-acre Federal coal lease SL-064603 and some adjacent fee land.

The surface facilities are primarily located on the private fee surface. The mine portals are located just north of the south boundary line of the lease on lands administered by the U. S. Forest Service.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires that prior to the approval by the Federal Government of a mining proposal, an environmental analysis must be made to assess the impact of that proposal on the environment. To assist in the preparation of the environmental analysis, the Geological Survey has scheduled a public meeting and an onsite inspection with interested parties to apprise them of the scope of the proposed project and to solicit their comments and suggestions relative to protection of the environmental and resource values. The meeting will be held at the Lions Hall, 40 North Main, Huntington, Utah, on Thursday March 4, 1976, at 10 a.m. An onsite inspection will follow the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or onsite inspection, you are invited to submit written comments to this office.

A copy of Swisher Coal Company's proposal can be inspected at this office or by contacting the company's office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely yours,



Allen L. Vance
Mining Engineer

Enclosure