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June 28, 1976

MEMO TO FILE:

Re: Swisher Coal Company
Larsen-Rigby Mine
Sec. 16, T. 16 S., R. 7 E. SLBM
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/004

On June 25th Ron Daniels and I attended a public hearing put on by Swisher Coal Company and the U.S.G.S. concerning the reopening and re-furbishing of the old Larsen-Rigby mine in Huntington Canyon.

Swisher proposes to commence mining on a 500 acre federal lease with surface facilities on federal (Forest Service) and fee acreage. Coal reserve estimates suggest a three to five year operation at a maximum of 2,000 TPD with two continuous miner units and employing 25-40 individuals.

The old facilities would not be used, due to local slope instability, except that the old entrance will be used for ventilation. New roads will be built to handle 23-ton haul trucks and water will be provided from a spring adjacent to the lease at a maximum rate of 16,000 GPD. Surface drainage will be controlled by a diversion ditch above the workings with an abutment below the coal storage area. The unit to be mined is thought to be the Castle Gate "A" seam, although local faulting makes correlation uncertain. It was indicated that Swisher is in the process of preparing to file with the Division on this operation.

Vegetation in the area is subalpine to alpine and includes spruce, fir, elderberry, smoth brome and Mountain dandelion.

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