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Dear Mr. Wangerud:

This is to confirm your discussion with John Hardaway regarding the status of the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine in 1978-1980. Since November 7, 1978 and until January, 1980, OSM worked diligently with the State of Utah and Swisher Coal Company to develop and approve a new mining and reclamation plan which incorporated a short-term lease. During that period, we considered the mine as a non-producing mine, but not an abandoned mine since environmental and engineering measurements were being made and since no notice of abandonment had been filed with OSM by the operator pursuant to 30 CFR 211.41(d). In our opinion, the operator made a good faith effort to comply with OSM's requests during that period.

Our records show that on July 18, 1978, OSM's Solicitor received a copy of the mine plan extension for the Swisher Coal Company Huntington Canyon #4 Mine. The mining and reclamation plan was accompanied by a copy of short term lease application U-33454. On July 17, 1978, OSM received a hydrology and subsidence monitoring plan for the mine. On September 7, 1978, OSM received a copy of the USGS approval of a minor amendment of the underground mining sequence for the mine. On or about September 13, 1978, OSM received notice from the Geological Survey that the Environmental Assessment for the #4 Mine was being rewritten to include the short term lease. The completed EA was received by OSM on October 5, 1978.

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OSM received, and forwarded to the Forest Service and to the regional office of the Geological Survey, copies of the mining and reclamation plan on November 9, 1978. By November 28, 1978 OSM had completed its review of the important hydrologic elements of the submission and on January 5, 1979, OSM forwarded copies of a list of additional information requirements to other federal agencies for review and comment. A copy was also sent to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and provided to Swisher Coal Company. On February 7, 1979, OSM satisfied Utah's request that authorities be cited for the deficiencies.

On March 8, 1979, additional information received from Swisher was forwarded to the other federal agencies and, by May 3, 1979, the Geological Survey had recommended approval with respect to coal recovery and mine development.

In July of 1979, draft special stipulations were provided by OSM to Utah. On July 16, 1979, Swisher received the stipulations. In September, OSM met with Swisher and Utah to resolve the remaining operations regarding the stipulations and on September 18, 1979, OSM received an addendum from Swisher which responded to many of the remaining deficiencies in the mining and reclamation plan. In the meantime, on August 30, OSM received, from the Forest Service, comments on certain stipulations.

On September 11, 1979, all comments on the stipulations were incorporated by OSM into a final version and sent to the federal agencies involved as well as to Utah and the operator.

On September 14, 1979 the recommendation for approval of the plan was forwarded to OSM - Headquarters.

On September 27, 1979, Swisher requested approval to construct a sedimentation and drainage control system of the #4 Mine. This was approved by OSM on September 28 and the Forest Service provided copies of its special use permit for the Sedimentation pond on November 20.

OSM continued to work toward approval by the Assistant Secretary in November of 1979. On December 28, 1979, OSM provided additional analyses of the applicant's responses to the stipulations and modified the time constraints for compliance as requested by Swisher. The mining and reclamation plan was approved by the Department and forwarded to the operator on January 30, 1980.

Subsequent to this approval, numerous responses to stipulations and amendments to the approved operations were received and procured by OSM. These are not listed here.

OSM inspected the #4 Mine on October 12, 1978, at which time the operation was considered an active mine (See inspection report for that date). The operation was also inspected on September 17, 1979 (called "inactive" in inspection report) and again on March 5, 1980.

I trust this information is pertinent in answering your question. If not, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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