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Dear Jim:

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Mine Plan Review Branch has reviewed the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) Apparent Completeness Review (ACR) and technical deficiency evaluation for the Natomas Trail Mountain Mine's Mining and Reclamation Plan. OSM concurs with the ACR findings. (OSM did note that Table 1-1, the reviewers checklist, is incomplete and could not be relied upon for review purposes).

OSM has compiled a list of significant issues which must be addressed and resolved in the Technical Analysis. Additional information may be required.

1. It must be determined if the present surface facilities are adequate for projected production.
2. The post mine landscape must be described in sufficient detail to provide reclamation goals.
3. A baseline condition of surface and groundwater hydrology must be established and probable hydrologic consequences of mining determined.
4. Reconstruction of the approximate original contour and post mine stability of disturbed areas, including portal areas, must be resolved.
5. Topsoil has not been salvaged. Therefore available materials on-site must be evaluated as potential surface material.
6. The probability of reclamation success must be demonstrated and standards for reclamation success established.
7. Fish and wildlife and their habitat must be adequately protected in accordance with the performance standards contained in UMC 817.97 and applicable Federal and State laws.

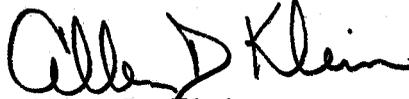
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These issues are identified to provide all parties with a basis for evaluating the technical adequacy of the MRP.

OSM is expecting receipt of Natomas Trail Mountain Mine's MRP (revised for UDOGM's ACR) by June 3, 1983. OSM will review that document and formally request additional information, if necessary, by June 17. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stephen Parsons or Walter Swain of my staff.

Sincerely,



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