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Mr. Ron Thompson
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RE: Administrative Delay for Permanent Program Coal Mine Plan Review
Emery Deep Mine
ACT/015/015
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to inform you that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is invoking administrative delay in the review of your mining and reclamation plan submitted under the requirements of the permanent program rules and regulations.

Section UMC 771.13(b) of the State's regulations allow existing underground coal mining activities to continue operations beyond the eight (8) month deadline for Division approval, under their interim State permit, pursuant to Section 502 of the Federal Act (P.L. 95-87) if:

1. Timely and complete application for a permit under the permanent regulatory program has been made to the Division in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations;

2. The Division has not yet rendered an initial decision with respect to the application; and

3. The activities are conducted in compliance with all terms and conditions of the interim permit, the requirements of the Act and State statutes and regulations.

The Division is proceeding with review of all permanent program mining and reclamation plan permit applications as expeditiously as possible. We are increasing our technical staff to accomodate the expanded workload and ask that you please bear with us during this period.

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In order to further expedite the review process and issue permanent program approvals, we are requesting that any modifications of the mining and reclamation plan to continue or expand present activities be submitted at least three (3) months prior to anticipated need, whenever possible. The Division staff, to-date, has been exercising a considerable amount of time and energy reviewing modifications rather than permanent permit applications.

Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or needs, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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