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Re: Temporary Cessation of Operations,  
Des-Bee-Dove Mine, INA/015/017, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

In response to the Division's letter dated April 30, 1987 concerning the subject matter, UMC 817.131, we submit the following:

- a) Question a. asks for surface acres, vertical and horizontal substrata (workings).

Doesn't this apply more to surface mining? However, in keeping with regulations, we are submitting underground mining maps (workings). Surface acres we have interpreted to mean disturbed acres of which there are 74 acres.

- b) No reclamation will take place during this temporary closure.
- c) No backfilling or regrading will take place during this temporary closure. Environmental monitoring will consist of surface maintenance and inspections conducted regularly by owner and the Division.
- d) As the Des-Bee-Dove Mines are virtually dry no water treatment is necessary. Culinary water in the bathhouse will be maintained in an operable condition. Portals and intakes have been sealed in a temporary fashion to meet security and allow for immediate re-opening.

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- e) The sediment pond will be maintained and operable through the closure period.

It must be understood that reclamation would preclude further mining, thus it is contrary to the temporary status.

In-place reserves, 8 million tons, represents over five years of operations. It is our intent to hold in good standing, not only the reserves, surface facilities, and transportation routes, but the mining permit also.

We will keep you advised of our plans as soon as they become available.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure