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RE: Citizen complaint on behalf of Mr. E.S. Crawford

Dear Mr. Wadsworth,

In regard your letter of October 7, 1981, concerning possible damage to aquifers at Mr. E. S. Crawford's property, OSM has referred your letter to the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining. Since Utah has an approved state program, OSM is obligated to notify the State regulatory authority of any citizen complaint so that they may take the necessary action. This is according to section 521 of public law 95-87.

The State has ten days from receipt of this notification to inform OSM of the action they intend to take. If their action is determined not to be the appropriate, OSM must then make an on site inspection of the property.

I suggest that you contact the State to follow up on the complaint. Under Utah's law, you are entitled to accompany their inspector if they conduct an inspection of the property in question. (See Utah's regulation UMC 842.12)

Please contact us if you have any problems.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ehmett
Asst. Regional Director
Region 5 Division of Inspection
and Enforcement

cc: Mr. James Smith