

Document Information Form

Mine Number: C/015/019

File Name: Incoming

To: DOGM

From:

Person N/A

Company N/A

Date Sent: N/A

Explanation:

STATEMENT BY EDWARD S. CRAWFORD

cc:

File in: C/015, 019, Incoming

Refer to:

- Confidential
- Shelf
- Expandable

Date _____ For additional information

STATEMENT BY EDWARD S. CRAWFORD
a private landowner in Emery County, Utah,
presented at public hearing before the
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining,
on P. L. 95-87 and Utah Code Amended 40-8
in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 25, 1978.

My name is Edward S. Crawford. I reside at 1809 Yalecrest Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah. I am here today to represent my interest and the Crawford family as a landowner within the boundaries of the Wilberg Coal Lease U-040151, Emery County, Utah.

Six studies and scientific reports have been made on this lease, including an environmental impact statement. All have been ^{wrong!} unanimous that surface damage ^{may!} will take place as a result of mining the Blind Canyon and Hiawatha Coal Beds, consisting of the combined depths of approximately 20 feet. Damage is predicted to be in the form of subsidence up to 10 feet, cracks and buldges, pot holes and the interception of surface springs and ground water, causing them to drain directly ^{wrong!} into the mine itself.

Section 516(b)(1) of Public Law 95-87 gives the surface owner the right of protection, regarding the above, and states: Measures shall be adopted to prevent subsidence damage and maintain the continued use of such surface lands. Regulations regarding subsidence have not as yet been publicized, but are due August 3, 1978. Section 717.16 of the Federal Regulation has been reserved for this purpose. Since the Board is apparently adopting the language of the Federal Regulations published in 30 CFR 700,

File in:
 Confidential
 Shelf
 Expandable
Refer to Record No 0017 Date _____
In C/ 015, 019, Incoming
For additional information

et seq., in formulating its Rules and Regulations, I suggest that the Rules adopted by this Board specifically provide that the requirements of CFR 717.16 shall be made part of the Rules and Regulations of this Board as soon as they are promulgated by the Department of the Interior, to then become immediately effective to all mining operations in the state of Utah.

As a citizen of this state whose rights as a surface owner are governed by the provisions of P. L. 95-87 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, I strenuously object to any amendment of the Rules and Regulations set forth, or to be set forth in 30 CFR 700, et seq.

I understand this Board's purpose in adopting these regulations is to bring the government closer to the people. I agree and adhere with these principals. The West has been deprived of many rights other states were granted when accepted to the Union. This Board can restore some of those rights if they seek to enforce P. L. 95-87 as written.

Edward S. Crawford