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February 26, 1986

Mr. Holland Shepherd
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State of Utah Natural Resources
Oil, Gas and Mining
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REGARDING: Maintenance Work at Wilberg Waste Rock Site

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

During a recent inspection of the Wilberg waste rock site a potential problem was observed near the southwest corner of Cell #1. The containment berm across the bottom of Cell #1 needed to be raised to prevent water from over-topping it.

The work was completed through the use of a 215 Caterpillar backhoe. The backhoe was located on the south side of the fence and the soil material was placed on top of the existing berm by reaching across the fence with the backhoe. The work was completed February 3, 1986.

A subsequent inspection of the area, following the recent melting of accumulated snow, indicated that additional work was needed. It was determined that the berm along the south end of Cells 1, 2 and 3 needed to be raised to insure containment of water.

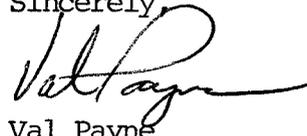
It was determined that the work needed to be completed immediately; therefore, men and equipment were mobilized and the work was begun at approximately 1:00 p.m. today, February 26, 1986. I attempted to consult with you and Mr. Joe Helfrich concerning this matter, but neither of you were in the office. I am therefore writing this letter to inform you of the circumstances related to our activities.

The limits of reach of an available backhoe are exceeded due to the distance from the fence to the berm; therefore, the work cannot be effectively completed as it was previously. It was therefore determined that the only available access to the area is across a completed cell. An access route will be followed as indicated on the accompanying drawing. This will be over an area which was seeded last fall, therefore, no vegetation has become established. Soil material will be transported from the rip-rap storage area to the berm. It will then be placed along the berm through the use of a D-3 Caterpillar dozer. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to minimize the effect to the unrelated areas of the completed cells. Following completion of the berm, all areas effected will be prepared and seeded as specified in the approved MRP.

It is our interpretation that we have not violated any regulation by this necessary maintenance activity; however, it is our desire to inform you of our activities to avoid any misunderstanding.

Please contact me at 687-9821, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

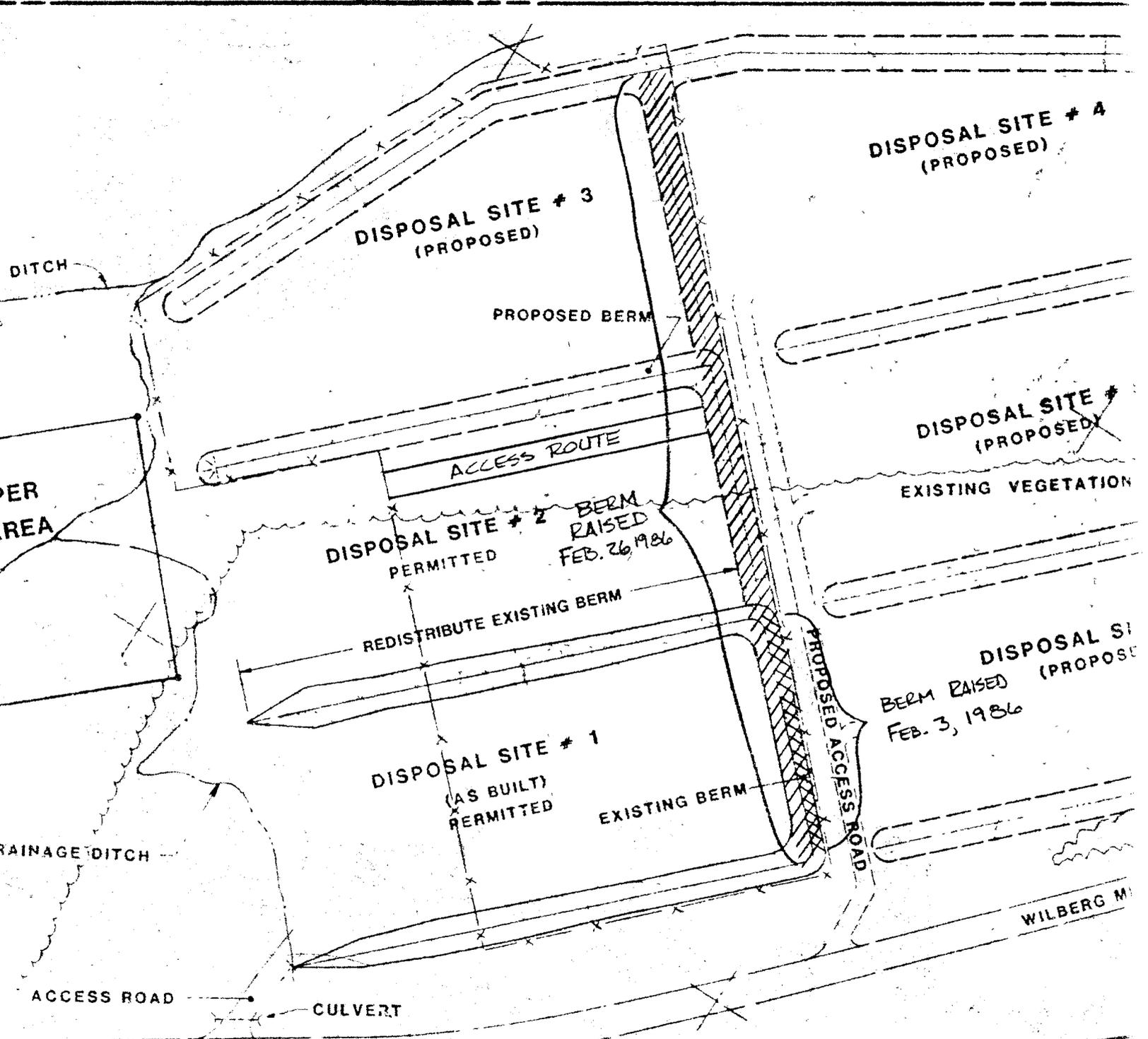


Val Payne
Environmental Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Chris Shingleton (UP&L)
Scott Child (UP&L)
John Boylen
Blake Webster
Joe Helfrich (DOGM)
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DISPOSAL SITE # 4
(PROPOSED)

DISPOSAL SITE # 3
(PROPOSED)

PROPOSED BERM

DISPOSAL SITE # 2
(PROPOSED)

EXISTING VEGETATION

DISPOSAL SITE # 2
PERMITTED
BERM RAISED
FEB. 26, 1986

REDISTRIBUTE EXISTING BERM

DISPOSAL SITE # 1
BERM RAISED
FEB. 3, 1986
(PROPOSED)

DISPOSAL SITE # 1
(AS BUILT)
PERMITTED

EXISTING BERM

PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD

WILBERG M

DITCH

PER AREA

RAINAGE DITCH

ACCESS ROAD

CULVERT