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August 18, 2000

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Re: Request for Informal Conference on Bear Canyon Permit Renewal, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Outgoing File

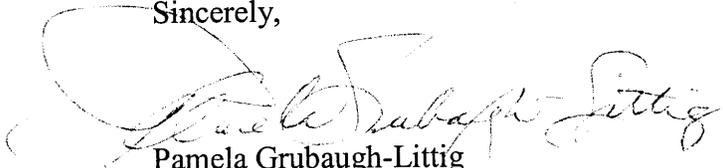
Dear Mssrs. Smith and Crook:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 17, 2000 requesting an informal conference on the permit renewal for the Bear Canyon Mine.

The last public notice for permit renewal will be published on August 29, and the comment period will end thirty (30) days after that. We will schedule the informal conference shortly after that time.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,



Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Acting Associate Director