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Alfred L. Foster, President
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Re: Davies Mine
Garfield County, Utah
ACT/017/010

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for your submittal of MR Forms 1 and 2.

Before we can continue with the approval process we require a map of the mine area showing mine location, elevation contours and drainages, as well as access roads. We also require a map showing the location of all surface facilities including topsoil and ore stockpiles, waste dumps, portals, buildings, water supplies, septic tanks, etc.

Since the operation involves a State Lease belonging to Mr. Byron Davies there will have to be a record of reassignment with the Division of State Lands before approval can be granted.

We also would like to know who will be the responsible party for construction and maintenance of the access road. Will the county be wholly responsible for the entire stretch? At any rate, may we suggest the utilization of road construction specifications as set forth in Part 717 - Underground Mining General Performance Standards, of the Rules and Regulations of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to avoid any future conflicts which may arise due to enactment of this legislation. A copy of these rules has been enclosed for your benefit in setting up your operation.

After reviewing your Mining and Reclamation Plan we would like to make a few recommendations for improvements.

- (1) Item 3. Prior, currently and possible future land uses would include such activities as mining, recreation, and grazing of wildlife and domestic livestock.
- (2) Item 4. What species of vegetation exists in the area adjacent to the mine and what is the percent cover for each species?

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- (3) Item 11. (a-f) You need to present a more specific detailed procedure for these items including a typical cross-section and profile of the proposed road grades.
- (4) Grading and Regrading (a-e) You also need to be more specific this section, including typical cross-sections of waste dumps and stockpile areas upon abandonment.
- (5) Testing. You may want to consider the possibility of scarifying the surface after grading and before seeding, along with the possibility of applying fertilizer.
- (6) Revegetation. We would like a more specific plan and schedule, including species to be planted, rate, etc. You may want to consider using some type of a mulch.

As soon as these matters are resolved, we can continue with the approval process by meeting with you and performing an on-site inspection of your proposed operation.

If you require any assistance or have any questions please feel free to call. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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Enclosures: Copy of Surface Mining Reclamation
Rules and Regulations
Mined Land Reclamation Act
Copy of Original MR-2 and
New MR-2 Forms