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Mr. Akleh Waleed
P. O. Box 1184
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RE: Garfield Coal Company
Davies Mine
PRO/017/009, Folder No. 2
Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Akleh:

This is to confirm our conversation today that there is currently no permit application package to mine coal from the Davies Mine proposed by Garfield Coal Company. The only application on file with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) is a Small Operator's Assistance Program (SOAP) application which is at this date, incomplete.

As we discussed, the Division has a current backlog of coal mine permit applications to review and it is my opinion that given this current workload, the Division would not be able to begin processing the application until sometime in 1985, if it was to be submitted today. Also, it is my opinion that it would likely take at least until the end of 1984 to assemble an acceptable application, due to the type and amount of information which is required by both statute and regulation. The average length of time to process a permit application, currently, is approximately one year, so you are facing at least two years before an approval to begin development could be issued.

I hope this addresses your present concerns, and if you should have any further questions, please call me, Ms. Sue Linner or Ms. Mary Boucek of my staff.

Sincerely,

James W. Smith, Jr., Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
and Reclamation Program

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