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Dear Mr. Smith:

Please find the enclosed four copies of our revised sedimentation pond plan. It is submitted in response to a request from Mr. Don Crane's office that we investigate reducing the pond's impact relative to the plan submitted last fall. That plan, which was designed by Merrick and Company of Denver, Colorado, was included in the October, 1979 SUFCo mine plan addendum. It incorporated a pipeline system down East Spring Canyon to Convulsion Canyon where the pond could be located outside of a stream channel.

Considerable additional long term surface disturbance would result from implementation of the Merrick Plan even though it satisfied the requirements of the OSM regulations. The revised plan, submitted herewith, was developed by Valley Engineering, Inc. It places the pond adjacent to the mine site in the bottom of East Spring Canyon. Although it is located in the original stream channel, the placement of the dam and its associated features (slope, spillway, etc.) is compatible with final reclamation plans for the mine site. It incorporates a two stage sedimentation process with a primary concrete sediment basin on the presently disturbed area to reduce the area of additional disturbance while achieving the same degree of efficiency.

Please initiate the review and approval process for the plan at your earliest convene. We are committed to building either the Merrick plan pond or the Valley Engineering plan pond this summer pursuant an agreement with the Forest Service. Due to the length of our construction season, work must begin August 1, 1980 on either one plan or the other. If approval of the alternative plan is not acquired by then, we will begin construction of the previously approved Merrick Plan at that time.

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In the interest of expediting the approval process, we are sending seven copies of the plan to OSM and two copies to the Fishlake National Forest under separate cover today.

Responsible employees of the three agencies involved who have had input into this alternative plan are:

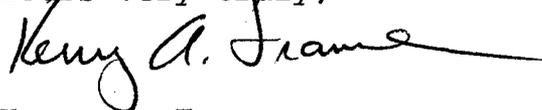
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Please telephone me if I can help during the review and approval process for this alternative plan.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosure

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