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**DIVISION OF
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Mr. Jim Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We will be breaking our first Quitchupah Canyon ventilation entries outside at the outcrop near the end of January 1982. These will be the ones located at the east end of our 3 East submain entries in section 32 T21S R5E. Discussion of the ventilation intake entries is in our mine plan submittal in volume three on page 219 and on map 80-2. They were addressed as part of the 1980 mining plan compliance submittal. Map 80-2 is now out of date with regard to mining panel orientation. However, the notation regarding ventilation entries and the approximate locations still hold true. The most current mine layout design is shown on exhibit 1 in volume seven of the SUFCo plan. Both Coastal's January 19, 1981 approval request to OSM for extended mining limits and our recent November 3, 1981 request to your office accurately locate the ventilation entries.

The breakout into Quitchupah Canyon at the end of the 3 East entries will probably occur during the last week of January and we request approval for modification to the planned location. The modification is necessary because the outcrop has been burned where the entries would surface if continued in the present direction. The burn must be avoided due to the hazardous nature of the material with regard to roof control. To avoid this burned area, it is planned to divert the entries to the northwest 700 feet from the originally planned exit. The portals will therefore face north-northeast in the northernmost of two small side drainages in this area of the canyon.

Members of our engineering department have thoroughly inspected all proposed breakout locations in the canyon for archaeological evidence. None was found. These inspections were part of the surveys investigating exact burn and outcrop locations.

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We were notified in OSM's letter of February 17, 1981 that it would be acceptable to construct these breakouts at any time except during the months of April and May in consideration of raptor nesting habits. However, we may now require a second approval from your office pursuant item (e) in OSM's December 7, 1981 letter to you and due to the breakout modification described above. If such is the case, please process this letter as a request for approval. If further approval is not necessary, please notify me at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

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