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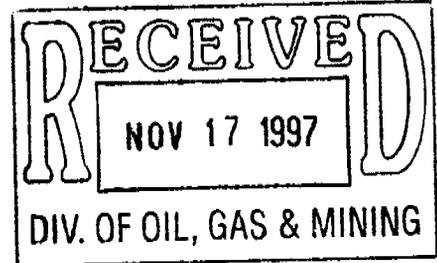
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RE: Request for Extended Abatement Time, N97-46-4-3, 2 of 3, "Failure to Minimize Erosion", Canyon Fuel Company, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. May:

(File # 5)

In response to your request for additional time to meet the embankment stabilization requirement in order to abate N97-46-4-3, 2 of 3, I feel your request is reasonable. The shotcreting option to accomplish this is, I feel, certainly the better method of stabilization. When done correctly, under the proper weather conditions, shotcreting will certainly stabilize the embankments much more quickly; over the long run, this method can probably be achieved at a lower cost.

In consideration of scheduling, my observations of the embankments during my November 4, 1997 inspection, and the uncertainty of temperatures and other weather factors during this time of year, I will extend the period for the abatement of N97-46-4-3, 2 of 3, (stabilization of the embankments) until June 12, 1998. R645-400-327.400 allows for an extended abatement time beyond ninety days due to climactic conditions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Hess
Reclamation Specialist III

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