

April 17, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Utah Coal & Energy
Blackhawk Mine
ACT/043/001

Mr. Shannon, ^{today} Engineer for Utah Coal and Energy, and Ms. Pueler, Attorney for the company, met with Tom Suchoski, Mike Thompson and Denise Dragoo from the Division to discuss the reclamation plan and bond at the Blackhawk Mine located in Summit County, Utah.

Mike Thompson discussed the March 28th inspection of the mine site at which runoff from the mine was found and explained the need for retention facilities. Tom Suchoski calculated the capacity of the sedimentation pond required at the site to be 42 acre feet. Mr. Shannon agreed to install temporary straw dikes within a week's time to control runoff until a pond can be constructed. The Division explained that tentative approval could not be made until the pond was constructed and a bond posted with the Division. Until both requirements are met, the mine is not to re-open for the purpose of underground mining.

Sandra Pueler discussed the legal status of the generators which the company may offer as collateral for a reclamation bond. She indicated that Mr. Clem Cafarelli held a lien on these assets of the company for wages. However, when the Division is ready to accept a bond, Mr. Cafarelli will release his lien and allow the Division a secured interest in the generators. Ms. Pueler indicated that she would draft a contract between Mr. Cafarelli and the Division to secure the Division's interest in the equipment. This draft document will be presented for the Board's consideration at its April meeting.

Ms. Dragoo indicated that the operation is now in violation of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and that Utah Coal and Energy must make a good faith effort to comply or the Division would ask the Board to refer the company for criminal prosecution.


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