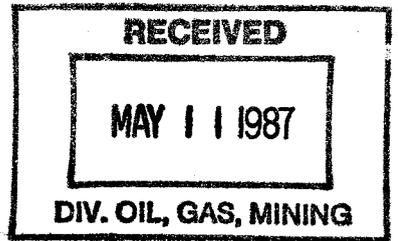


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May 8, 1987

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator
State of Utah - Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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RE: Construction of Sedimentation Control Structures at the
Summit No. 1 Mine, PRO/043/001, Summit County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Braxton:

As you are probably aware, the design of the sedimentation ponds at the Blackhawk Mine were never adequately documented. The ponds not only appear to be inadequate to contain design storm runoff, but also are not capable of being manually dewatered. The lower pond loses and gains water relative to the water level of Chalk Creek, so there is no reliability regarding it's capacity to contain runoff.

Summit Minerals has proposed in both the Reclamation Plan (November 6, 1986) and the Mining and Reclamation Plan (March 11, 1987) to construct a new sedimentation pond and several diversion ditches to control runoff over the life of the mining and reclamation activities.

Because of the unpredictable timing of the Division's permit review and approval process, I feel it necessary to formally request that the Division approve at least that portion of our plans which will allow us to install those sedimentation control structures this summer. Specifically, approval of the sedimentation pond and Diversion Ditch Nos. 1, 2, and 3 is requested. We have already received approval from the Division of Environmental Health for sedimentation pond construction.

On April 22, 1987, Fern L. Boyer filed a complaint with the Division regarding, among other things, the existing sedimentation ponds. I believe that by removing the existing structures and replacing them with a pond which can be dewatered, we can at least minimize one of her complaints.

Your prompt review of this proposal would be appreciated so that construction can take place under favorable weather conditions.

Sincerely,
SUMMIT MINERALS, INC.

Barbara A. Filas
Engineer

cc: J. Higgins