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June 3, 1987

TO: The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

FROM: Kenneth E. May, Associate Director 
of Mining

RE: Request for Modifying Priority of Review Regarding the
Reclamation Plan and Mining Reclamation Plan for the
Blackhawk Mine, Summit Minerals, Inc.

In a letter dated May 21, 1987, Summit Minerals requested that the Board direct the Division to disregard the Reclamation Plan (RP) filed on November 6, 1986, and begin review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). They contend that continued review of the Reclamation Plan is a waste of time and money.

On January 23, 1987, a letter was sent to Ms. Barbara Filas of Summit Minerals Inc., stating that the Division would review a Mining and Reclamation Plan on the same priority basis as any new permit application, providing review of the MRP does not delay completion of the Reclamation Plan.

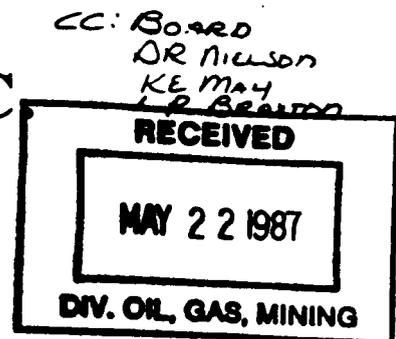
The Division has always held that the Reclamation Plan must be completed prior to beginning a review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. Prioritizing the review in this manner is in compliance with the directives of the Board relative to this issue. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me.

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cc: D. Nielson
L. Braxton
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SUMMIT MINERALS, INC

May 21, 1987

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
355 West North Temple
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RE: December 05, 1985 Board Order requiring Summit Minerals, Inc. to submit a Reclamation Plan for the Blackhawk Mine site.

Attn: Mr. Gregory P. Williams, Chairman

Dear Mr. Williams:

The subject Order required, on page 8 - item 9, that Summit Minerals file a reclamation plan with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. On November 6, 1986, Summit fulfilled that portion of the Order by providing the Division with the Summit No. 1 Coal Mine Reclamation Plan.

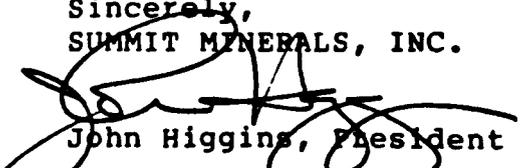
On March 11, 1987, Summit submitted the Summit No. 1 Mine Mining and Reclamation Plan to the Division. This mining and reclamation plan completely supersedes the reclamation plan document.

Mr. May and Mr. Braxton of the Division have indicated that they are under the Board's directive to review the Reclamation Plan through permit issuance before allocating any review time to the Mining and Reclamation Plan. Because approval of the Mining and Reclamation Plan will completely supercede the Reclamation Plan, it certainly appears counterproductive for the Division to focus their attention on permit issuance based on the Reclamation Plan document.

There is very little difference between the reclamation plans contained in the two proposals. The Mining and Reclamation Plan is merely an expansion of the Reclamation Plan to include provisions for coal extraction. The reclamation bond figures in both documents are well within the value of the property which Summit Minerals has used for it's reclamation surety.

Summit Minerals, Inc. hereby formally requests that you and the Board direct the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining to disregard the Reclamation Plan filed November 6, 1986 and diligently review the Mining and Reclamation Plan filed March 11, 1987 through permit issuance. Continued review of the Reclamation Plan is not only a waste of Division time and taxpayer monies, not to mention Summit's time and monies as well, but also defers the approval of a mining plan which will ultimately put at least 30 people to work in Summit County.

Sincerely,
SUMMIT MINERALS, INC.


John Higgins, President