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Mr. Gerald Young, Chairman
Summit County Board of Commissioners
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RE: Summit Coal Company
Boyer Mine
PRO/043/001
Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter and concerns regarding Summit Coal Company's proposal to reactivate the old Boyer Mine in the Chalk Creek area east of Coalville. The Division, too, is looking forward to working with the applicant in establishing an active coal mining operation in Summit County, knowing that such a project would be a great economic stimulant.

Unfortunately, putting together a permit application which meets all of the necessary requirements is not something that can be done in a very short time. Much preplanning and effort on the part of the operator is mandatory. Also, the technical review that is required to ensure that the proposed operation will result in the maximum economic recovery of the mineral resource and not have any adverse impacts on the public or the State's environmental resources is no quick and easy task either.

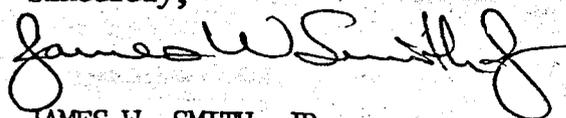
The Division's current backlog of permit applications for existing operations and our emphasis to review and approve those operations before new applications are processed is of top priority. This situation will likely result in new applications not being reviewed until sometime early in 1984, which is probably the soonest that an adequate permit application can be assembled for submission, unless the required information has already been gathered.

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The Division is more than willing to assist the applicant in whatever way possible to meet the necessary State requirements in permitting a coal mining operation, however, no coal will be produced from the Boyer Mine until all of the permitting requirements are met.

If you have any further questions relative to the permitting requirements and process, or the status of this particular proposal, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



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