

0014

Mike [unclear]
LPS
J. Whitehead
E. Hooper



United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
Reclamation and Enforcement
BROOKS TOWERS
1020 15TH STREET
DENVER, COLORADO 80202

RECEIVED

JUL 15 1985

JUL 10 1985

DIVISION OF OIL
GAS & MINING

Mr. L.P. Braxton, Administrator
Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180

INA/043/001

Dear Mr. Braxton:

We have received your request by June 7, 1985, letter to fund arid land mine reclamation research at the Factory Butte Dirty Devil Coal minesite, Wayne County, Utah. Your proposal is presently being evaluated; and if we believe it would be appropriate for Office of Surface Mining (OSM) funding we will send it to OSM Headquarters in Washington D.C., with our recommendation.

Research funding has been limited and competition for the money available has been intense. In addition, fiscal year 1985 research allocations have been made. For these reasons I cannot give you encouragement for early funding. However, we will evaluate your proposal promptly and keep you informed. If you have any questions, I suggest you call Bob Schueneman at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dause
Allen D. Klein
Administrator
Western Technical Center