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TO: File

FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Site Inspection, Great National Corp. (GNC), DOE/007/003 and EXP/007/004

On July 14, 1987, Frank Filas and Frank Jensen inspected GNC's 1981 and 1982 tar sands drill sites. These unreclaimed exploration sites are located in the fourth canyon north of the Sunnyside Coal Mine. They are above a prelaw tar sands mine that has a bucket tram line extending down the canyon.

The drill sites are essentially the same as was described in September, 1984 and June 1985 field memos. There are several unreclaimed mud pits and drilling related trash was left onsite. No attempt was made to reclaim the one and one-half miles of upgraded road or the three-quarter mile of new road. (Note: Native vegetation has reestablished itself in most areas of these roads.)

Letters and personal contact with the operators from 1982 through 1985 have been unsuccessful in getting these sites reclaimed. A recent attempt to contact GNC was unsuccessful and it is assumed that the company no longer exists. Total surface disturbance associated with the drilling project is relatively small (i.e., one to two acres). It is therefore recommended that this file be closed.

Foot Note: Files EXP/007/004 and DOE/007/003 also contain information relating to Kindrick Brothers Construction. Kendrick Brothers (under a contract with GNC) mined an 8000 ton bulk sample from the old tar sands quarry in 1981. This material was crushed in a portable crusher on leased land within Kaiser Coal Company's permit area. The crusher area was cleaned up after an NOV was issued by a coal inspector. Most of the mined tar sand was shipped to Salt Lake for processing, but there is still a small pile of this material at a nearby Sunnyside rail spur. The quarry itself has a considerable amount of rock rumble at its base due to the 1981 blasting, but otherwise it has not changed significantly from its previous condition.

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