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Bureau of Land Management
Moab District
San Rafael Resource Area
900 North 700 East
Price, Utah 84501

RE: LAST CHANCE BENTONITE MINE AND RECLAMATION PLAN, WESTERN CLAY COMPANY, M/015/061 - EMERY COUNTY, UTAH.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this summary is to review the past history of Western Clay Company's progress in obtaining a mine permit on the Last Chance bentonite mine.

Western Clay has been mining bentonite from the Last Chance claims under a notice plan of operation. This plan has permitted them to mine as long as no more than five acres of B.L.M. ground is disturbed. It became evident that at the end of the summer of 1993 more than five acres would need to be disturbed to continue the mining operation. A decision was made to start an application for a larger mining operations plan.

On January 4, 1994, a preliminary submittal was presented to D.O.G.M. The purpose was to get their input and response prior to making a formal mining and reclamation plan.

D.O.G.M. mailed a copy of data to B.L.M. in Price, Utah. March 31, 1994, we received a letter from B.L.M. describing items that needed to be added, expanded upon or changed. Communication was made with Mr. Neal A. Simmons, the items were reviewed.

On May 28th, we received a letter from D.O.G.M. requesting changes of rules. The comments were listed under the applicable Mineral Rules headings. Our response was done under the same format.

On June 3rd, a meeting was held with D.O.G.M. reviewing comments from their letter and asking for input to eliminate additional work. It was determined we needed a topo map on a 200 foot scale to better identify the general area. The map would better illustrate the overall description of reclamation required. Olympus Aerial Surveys, Inc., was retained to provide a 1"- 200' scale map with 10' contours - Soil analysis was made, plant identification was done, plots made and photos taken. We never received the map from Olympus Survey until October.

Prepared letter and maps requested by D.O.G.M. and presented them on November 10, 1994. On November 30th, we received a letter from D.O.G.M. requesting that we send B.L.M. a copy of response and maps.

December 15th, we received a letter from B.L.M. requesting some additional information on response we had made to D.O.G.M. On January 10th, we met with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Ludington in Price, Utah. Reviewed items that were requested in December 15th, letter.

On February 10th, we received a letter from D.O.G.M. offering comments on some changes they are requesting.

These requests and comments have been answered in the enclosed submittal.

The pit profiles have been adjusted to reduce the amount of backfill. An effort was made to attempt a cut, fill and waste balance to equal the backfill required for reclamation.

D.O.G.M. and B.L.M. have all maps, pictures, soil analysis, air quality, plant plots and supplemental data that will go with this report.

Included is an additional map illustrating staging of reclamation.

This submittal will be done under the format recommended by D.O.G.M. identified as Mineral Rules headings.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 1995

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