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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer das

RE: Site Inspection, Jay Pagano Estate, Pagano Clay Mine, M/015/062, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 19, 1996
Time of Inspection: 1630 - 1700
Conditions: Mostly cloudy, warm
Participants: Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the reclamation status of the site in consideration of reclamation release. *Note this file number is the same as the ECDC file number.*

The inspection began at the southeast portion of the disturbance and proceeded to the northwest. This site is immediately adjacent to the ECDC Clay operations. Photographs were taken of most of the reclaimed areas. Several antelope/pronghorn were on site during this inspection. The road along the northwest perimeter of the site is still present along with a small pile of material four to six feet in height. This road ends at a bluff overlooking the Price River. It is unknown at this time whether this road was pre-existing or if it needs to be reclaimed. Revegetation success is high in some portions of the site and poor to moderate in other portions. There is some minor erosion on the slopes of some of the basin areas.

The site appears stable in general and the vegetation has survived three growing seasons.. The Division will need to determine if this site has met the revegetation success standard and also determine if the road needs to be reclaimed. SITLA and the BLM will need to be contacted prior to the Division granting final release of the reclamation surety due to their involvement with the noncompliance situation.

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