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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Effective January 5, 1999), RB #1 & #2 Project, S/023/062, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Holfert:

It has come to our attention that we failed to send you an acceptance letter regarding your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division August 10, 1998. The notice was for the RB #1 & #2 project, located in Section 12, T13S, R12W, Juab County, Utah. The Division could not accept the notice as complete until the permit fee was received. On January 5, 1999, we did receive the permit fee for this project. Therefore, this Division acceptance letter for your notice will be valid as of January 5, 1999. Approval by the Division does not constitute approval to commence operations upon federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). You must receive BLM's written approval.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Your initial fee was received January 5, 1999 and the fee for the 1999 billing statement was received August 27, 1999.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson

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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
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