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Re: Tentative Approval
Small Fry Mine
ACT/037/022
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mathews:

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, at their September Executive Meeting, concurred with the Division's decision to grant tentative approval to Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation for the Mining and Reclamation Plan submitted for the Small Fry Mine located in San Juan County, Utah. Tentative approval is hereby issued with the following conditions:

1. Ranchers submit plans for the proposed gravel borrow area, including a map showing the location and a reclamation plan for the area;

2. Ranchers establish test revegetation plots within 1 year of commencement of operations;

3. If the seed mixture of Crested wheatgrass does not conform with the revegetation requirements of Rule M-10(12) of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, interseeding or reseeding with a more diverse seed mixture approved by the Division will be required;

4. Only information contained in the Mining and Reclamation Plan that relates to the size, nature or extent of the deposit may be held as confidential by the Division.

The Board will be consulted during the October 25, 1979 meeting as to amount and form of the required reclamation surety. Please contact the Division prior to that date as to the form of surety Ranchers would prefer, as well as its concurrence with the above listed conditions.

If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Daniels

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cc: Brad Cates