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Mr. Dan Proctor
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Silver Bell Mine, S/049/027, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Proctor:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on January 11, 1995. The application for the proposed Silver Bell Mine, located in the NW¼ of the NW¼ of the NW¼: Section 20, T3S, R3E, SLBM, Utah County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

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).

With regards to the requested variances for stockpiling topsoil and for ripping/tilling the final surface to a 6" depth, the Division will need to conduct a site inspection *before* these variances can be granted. This inspection will most likely be conducted during late May or June of 1995. Deferring approval of the variances until the site inspection does not affect the Division's acceptance of your mining notice, mining may begin as scheduled. While the variances are likely to be granted, please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. The Division encourages you to stockpile any topsoil material that might be available prior to beginning your mining operation to help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. Even an inch or two of soil will greatly aid your revegetation efforts and help in meeting the reclamation standards.

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.

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 prior to starting your small mining operation 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,

Lynn Kunzler
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Enclosure
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