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DECISION DOCUMENTAOSO Independent Analysis
of
Revised Development and Manpower ScheduleIntroduction

This document is the result of a thorough review by the Area Oil Shale Office (AOSO) of the revised Development and Manpower schedule for the approved Detailed Development Plan (DDP) submitted by the lessees of Federal Oil Shale Tract C-b (C-b Shale Oil Venture). The revision contains a revised Commercial Development Schedule which replaces similarly designated Figure 1-B in the "Drawings" section of the DDP dated February 1977. Also included is an enclosure that provides a brief explanation of each of the numbered activities. The new development schedule is based on more precise estimates now that actual engineering design work has commenced and contracts have been awarded. Comparison of the original and revised development schedules indicate that an additional 51 months will be required to bring Tract C-b to commercial operation. However, as much as twelve months could be eliminated from this schedule revision if the contingency for unforeseen construction and ground control problems does not have to be exercised.

Review of the new development schedule indicates that the lessees will honor the due diligent development requirement specified in Lease Section 10. Other documentation provided by the lessees and actual observation by inspection personnel from this office indicate that shaft sinking, concreting, and hoist tower construction are preceeding at three shifts per day, seven days per week.

The revised Project Manpower Estimate replaces similarly designated Figure 1-C in the "Drawings" section of the February 1977 DDP. The manpower schedule coincides with the revised Development schedule. This revised Manpower schedule indicates a gradual build-up in the construction workforce with peak employment of 2,200 personnel and a permanent workforce of 1,600 employees.

Procedures

Over 170 copies of the revised Development and Manpower schedule were sent to the public and agencies of local, state and Federal governments. The transmittal letter contained much of the information presented

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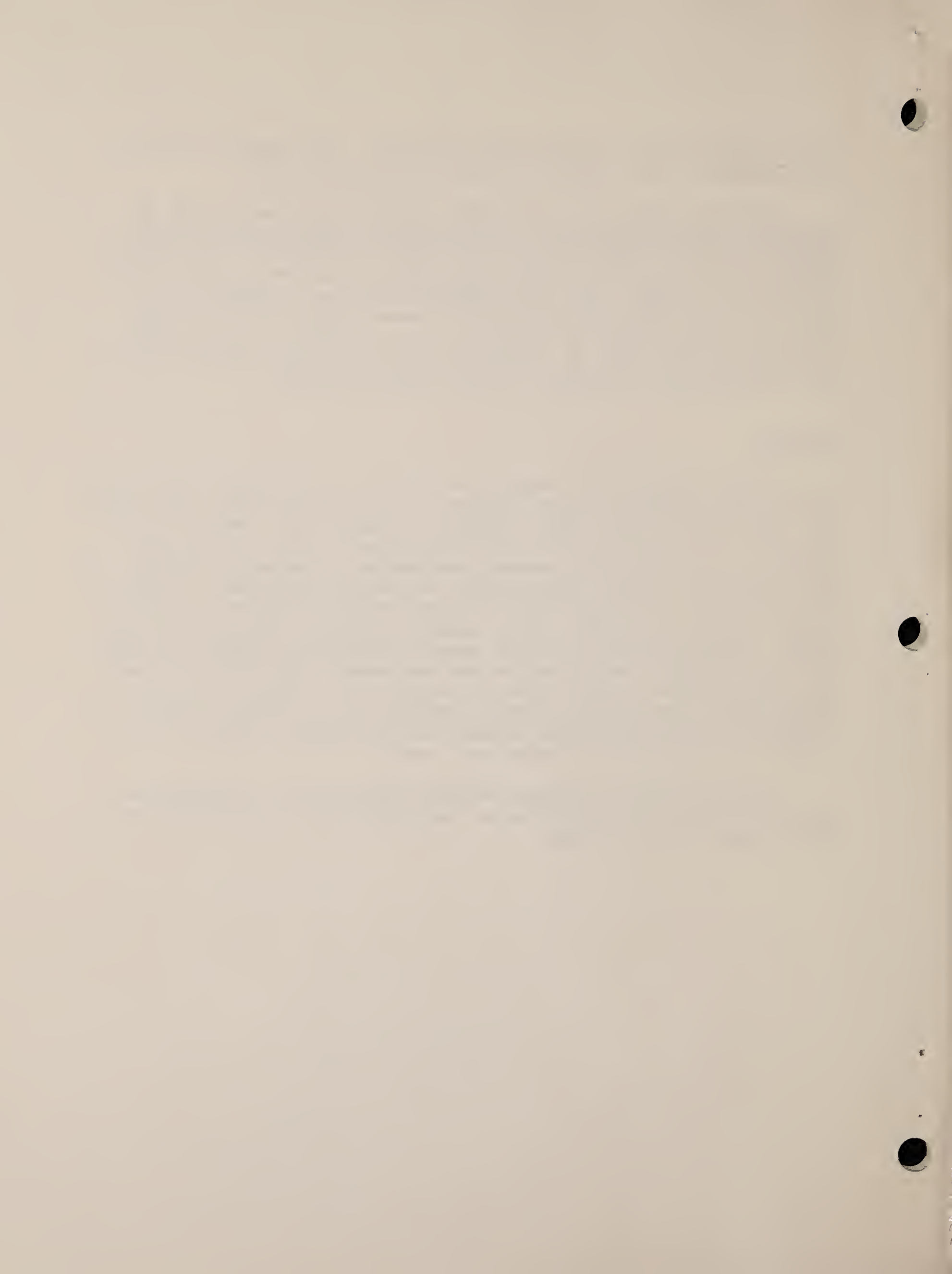
in the introduction of this Decision Document. The comments received were evaluated and considered in the review and analysis.

Review was made of all available reports and documents such as Technical and Economic Study of the Modified In Situ Process for Oil Shale by Fenix and Scisson, Inc. Nov. 1976, C-b Shale Oil Venture's DDP, Federal Oil Shale Lease and both the Evaluation Document and Decision Document on the DDP. Also the revised schedule was discussed with Bureau of Mines (BOM) personnel at the Denver Mining Research Center. The review and analysis by the AOSO technical staff of all available sources mentioned above in conjunction with the revised schedule led to the recommendation contained in this Decision Document.

Analysis

Figures 50 and 53 (attached) from volume 1 of Technical and Economic Study of the Modified In Situ Process for Oil Shale by Fenix and Scisson, Inc. November 1976 were again reviewed in light of the lessees revised schedule. This report prepared for the Bureau of Mines contains the results of a technical and economic evaluation of conceptual systems for the underground mining, rubblization, and in situ retorting of deep oil shale deposits. Conceptual systems were synthesized and then evaluated against these factors from both a technical and limited economic viewpoint. Figures 50 and 53 are the normal development schedules for both the room and pillar mining method and the tunnel boring mining methods. These two methods were discussed at length in the Fenix and Scisson Final Report. The revised schedule submitted by the lessee of Tract C-b compares to the critical path diagram and development schedule as discussed in the Fenix and Scisson Final Report.

In evaluating the proposed schedule revision, the following comparison was made in order to better understand which operation schedules were changed and by how much:



MONTHS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1977

OPERATION	<u>Months</u>		
	ORIGINAL	REVISED	ADDITION
Start from DDP approval	0	4 (delay)	4
Plant and Headframe	18	28	10
Sinking	11	17	6
Grouting	0	3	3
Equipping Shaft	6	12	6
Stations	0	9	9
Commercial Mining	25	28	3
Subtotal	60 (Sept. 1982)	101 (Feb. 1986)	41
Contingency 25%	0	10	10
Total	60	111	51

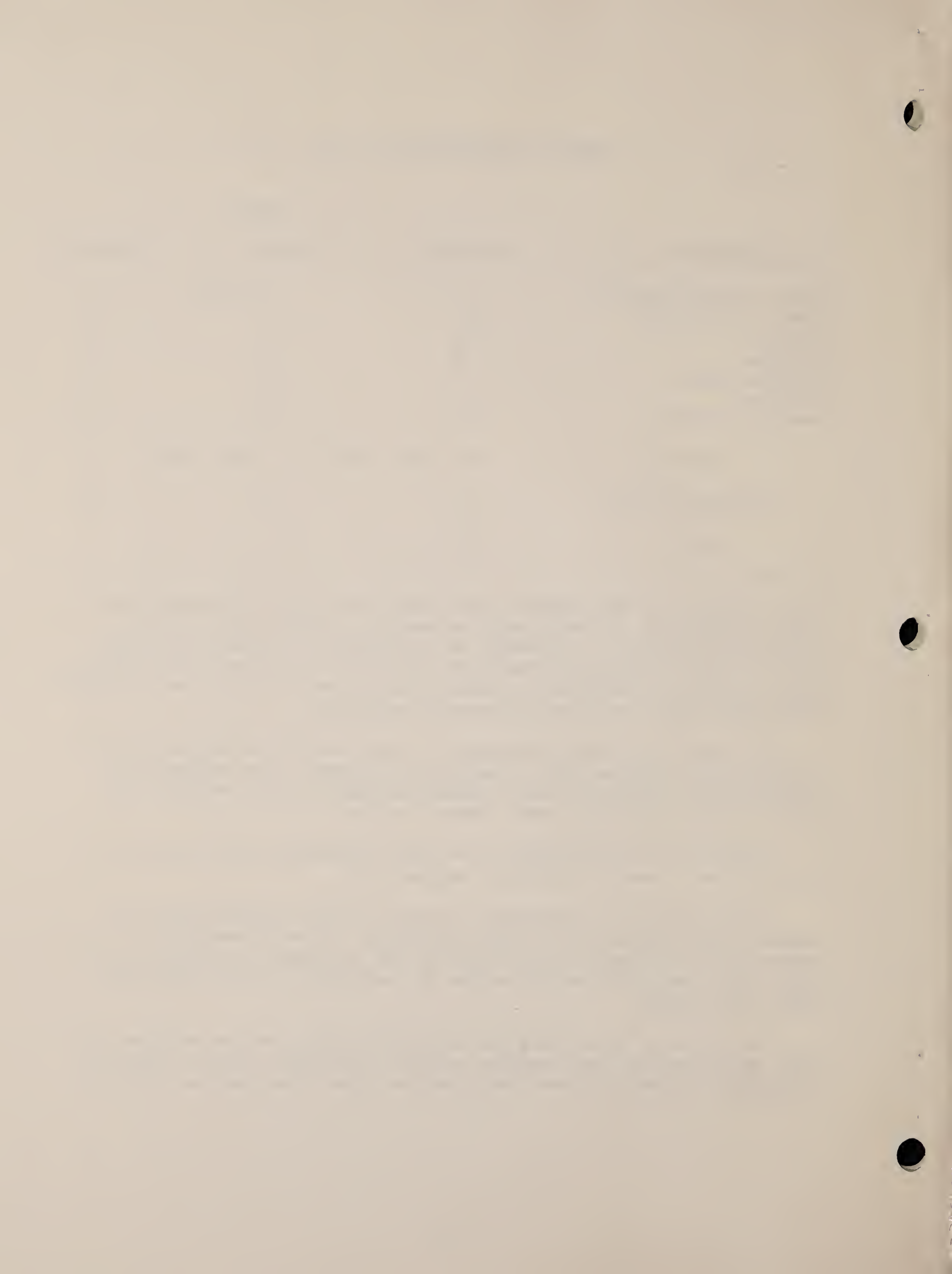
This comparison of the original and revised development schedules shows that an additional 51 months will be required to bring Tract C-b to commercial operation. The change in the schedule reflects additional time for shaft sinking and completion, additional mine level development and a 25 percent contingency. These revisions were based on more detailed engineering plans and actual contractor estimates.

The time for sinking, erecting the headframe and equipping the production shaft increased this schedule by 25 months. The expansion of station work, 500 feet of drift versus 100 feet of drift and the addition of three additional levels added 9 months.

Commercial mine development has been lengthened from 25 months to 28 months as a result of detailed engineering.

Shaft sinking was estimated, by the Fenix and Scisson report to require 19 1/2 months for a 1,230 foot shaft. With the addition of approximately 800 feet in depth and the 300 foot high slip-formed tower headframes, the additional 16 months is comparable to the estimate by Fenix and Scisson.

The contract for sinking the production shaft requires work on a 24 hour, seven day per week schedule and also contains a penalty clause of \$2,000/day for each day over the specified time. The contract calls for



91 days for the collar for the production shaft and 515 days for sinking the shaft. This does not include the headframe or the station work.

The three months scheduled for grouting off the water from the shaft is an estimate that is based on present hydrologic and lithologic data gathered from pump tests and core drilling. As no shafts have been sunk in this area by conventional methods the estimated time for grouting may not be accurate.

The 12 months scheduled to equip the shaft is six months more than the original estimate. The two friction hoists to be installed in the headframe, the rope guides for the skips, the loading pockets and skip loading and dumping facilities, with the auxiliary service lines which must be installed will be time consuming as installation of each must be done in sequence with little work done in parallel.

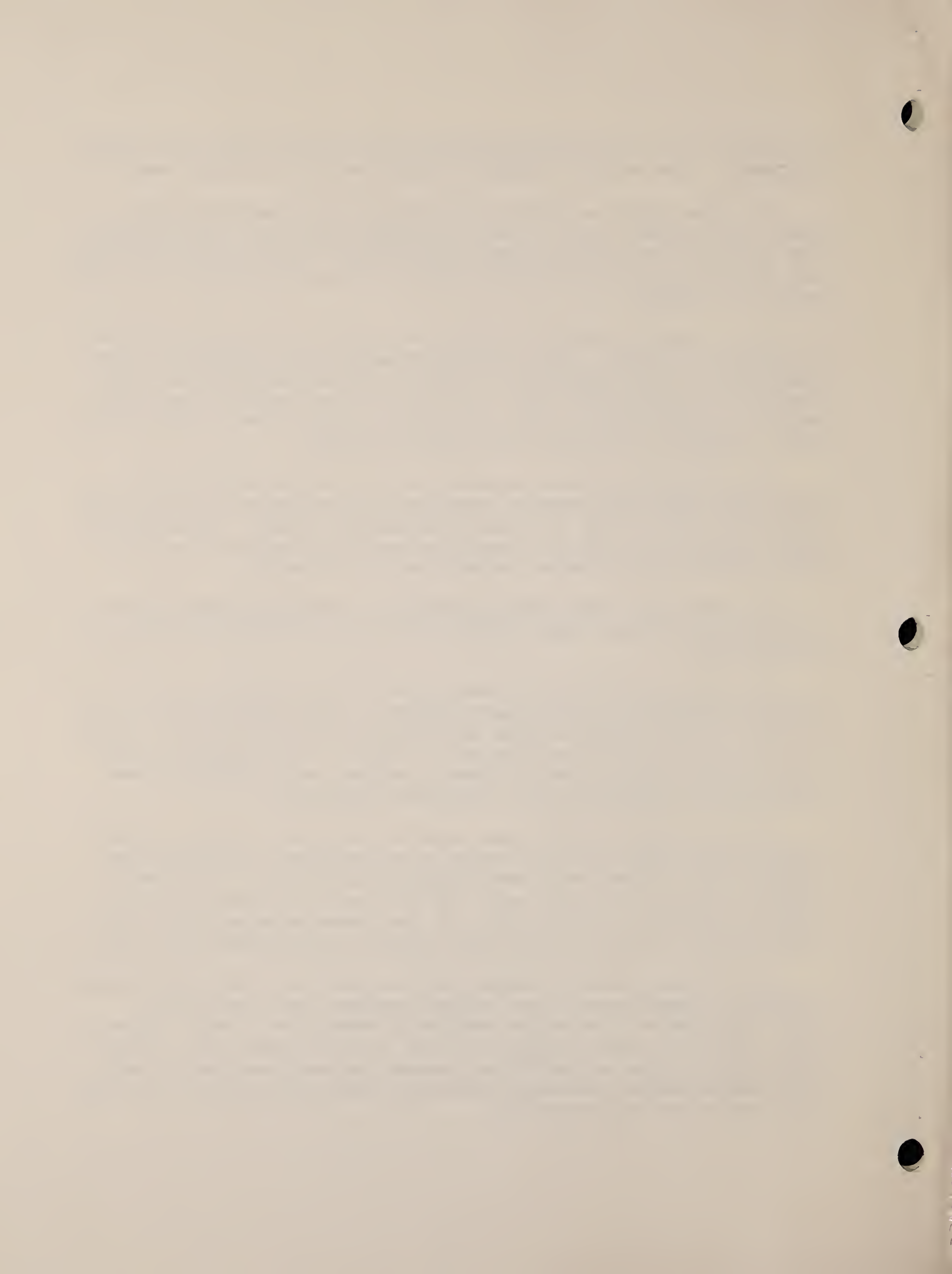
The additional stations necessary to develop the retorts by the horizontal rather than vertical method and the extension of the station drifts from 100' to 500' will add an estimated 9 months. Since this is more than twice the original excavation considered necessary under the first schedule the estimated revised time is reasonable.

The additional three months involved in commercial mining can be expected due to change from vertical to horizontal development and could be optimistic.

The lease requires the "Lessee to use all due diligence in the orderly development of the Leased Deposits". The revised schedule shows an effort by the lessee to bring the project into production at as early a time as the method of development will allow. The requirement that the contractors operate on a 24 hour, 7 day per week schedule assures the earliest completion of the development operations.

Section 7(e)(1) of the lease requires the lessee to pay a minimum royalty on 616,000 tons of oil shale on the sixth year, increasing by 616,000 tons each year up to and including the 15th year. The revised schedule shows first production in the 10th year and commercial production starting in the 12th year. If the lessee adheres to the schedule submitted for approval the "due diligence" requirement will be met.

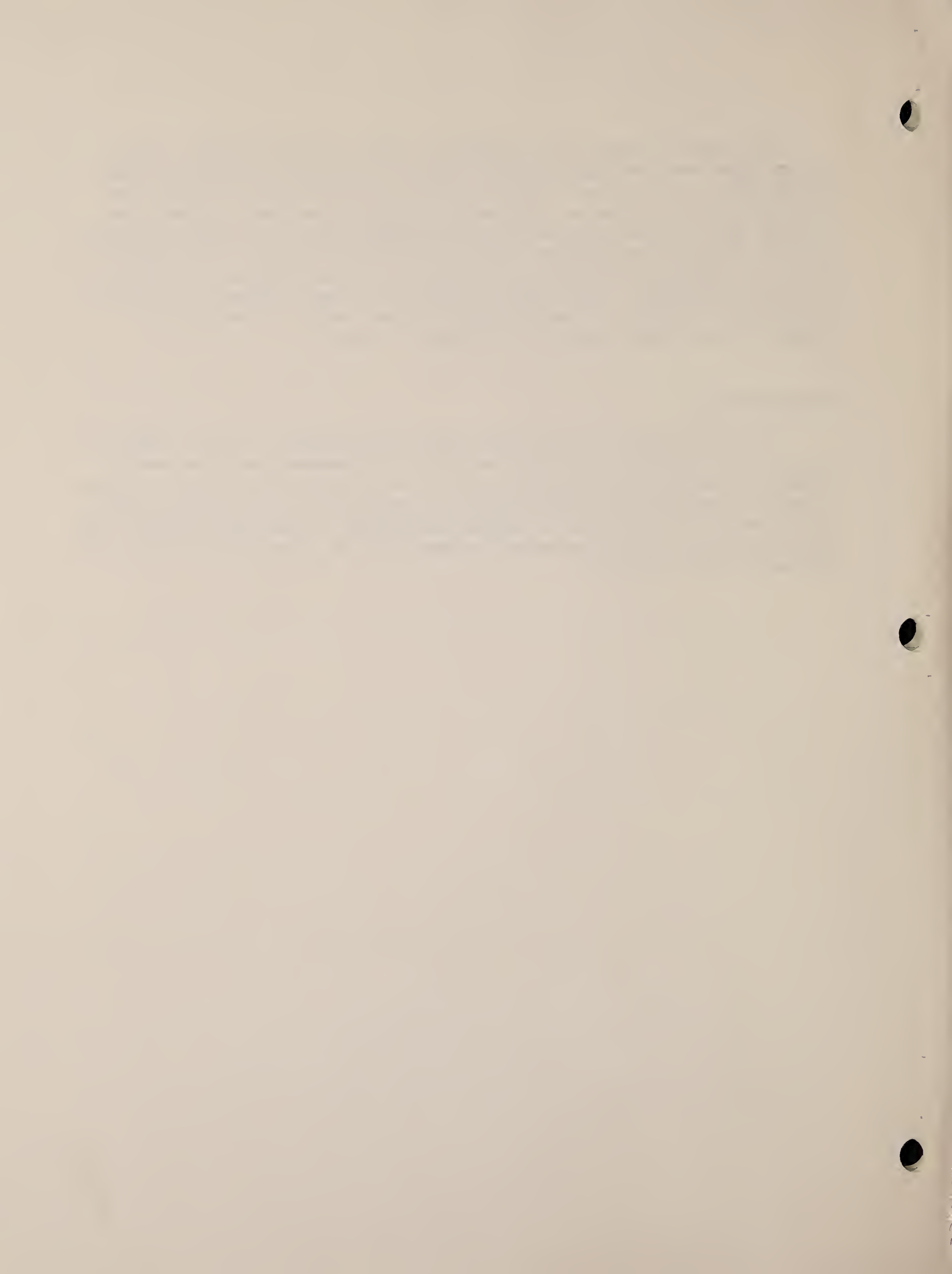
The manpower schedule change coincides with the revised development schedule. Comparison with the original manpower table indicates a slower build-up in construction workforce, peaking at a later date with fewer individuals over a longer and more constant growth rate. There will also be a less marked decline between the peak construction workforce and permanent operations employment easing the immediate and long-term impacts on area communities.



Six comment letters were received on the revised schedule. Four stated there were no significant problems or concerns with the revised Development and Manpower schedules. Two of the letters indicated some concern over the revision. One was directed at the short review time allotted and the other alerted the AOSS to make sure the lessees continue to meet diligent development requirements of the leases. The lessee will be reminded in the approval letter of the due diligent requirement of Lease Section 10. All comment letters and AOSO responses to the two letters are included in the Decision Document under the sections on comment letters and responses to comment letters.

Recommendation

In consideration of the AOSO review and analysis, and the comments received during the review process; it is recommended that the revised Commercial Development Schedule and Manpower Schedule be approved. This approval should not be interpreted as a relaxation of the due diligence requirements in the lease or reflect any change in the lease terms. The approval also does not represent an extension or suspension of the lease agreement for tract C-b.



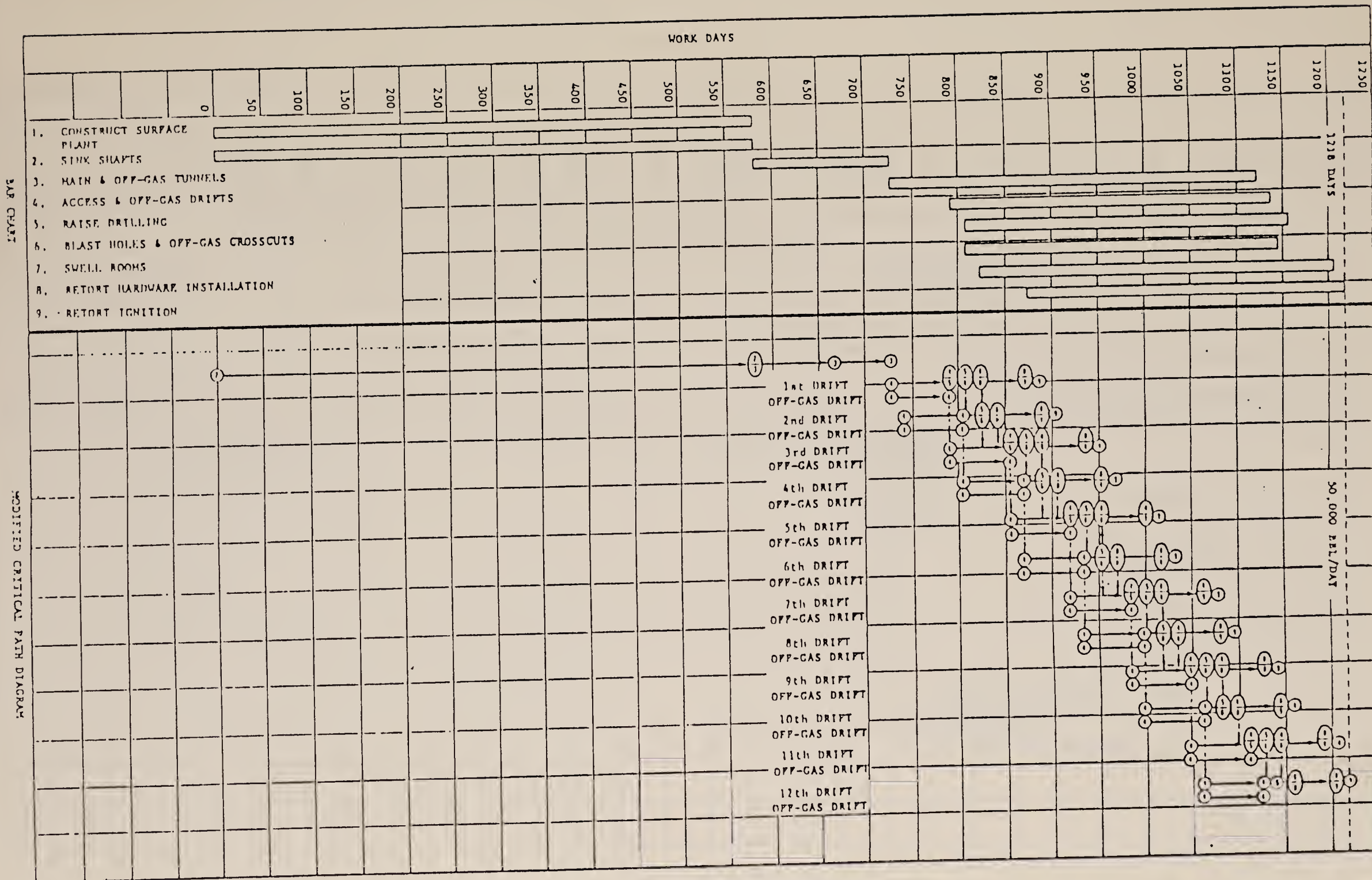


Figure 53. Normal Development Schedule For Tunnel Boring Mining Method - Base Case 40
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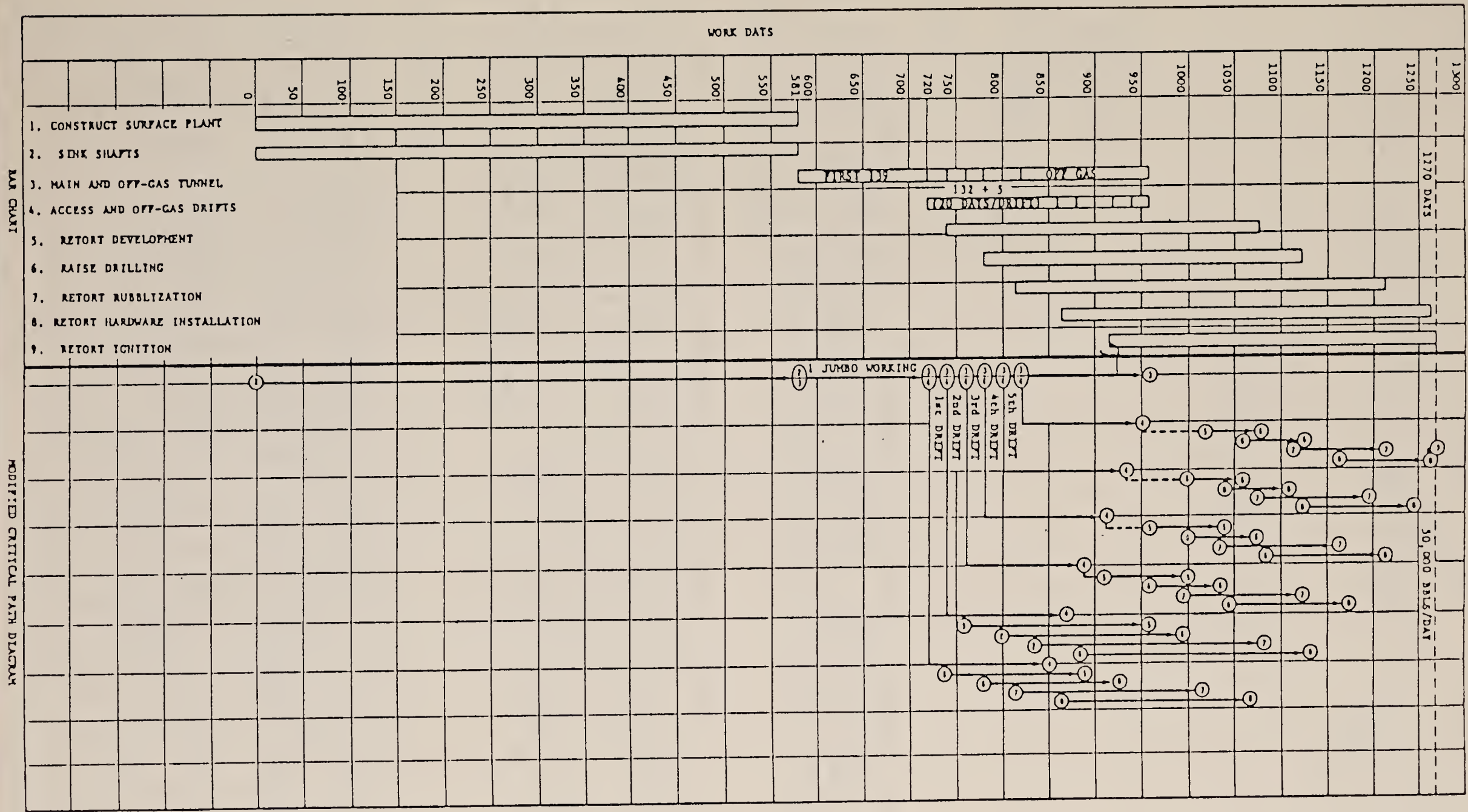
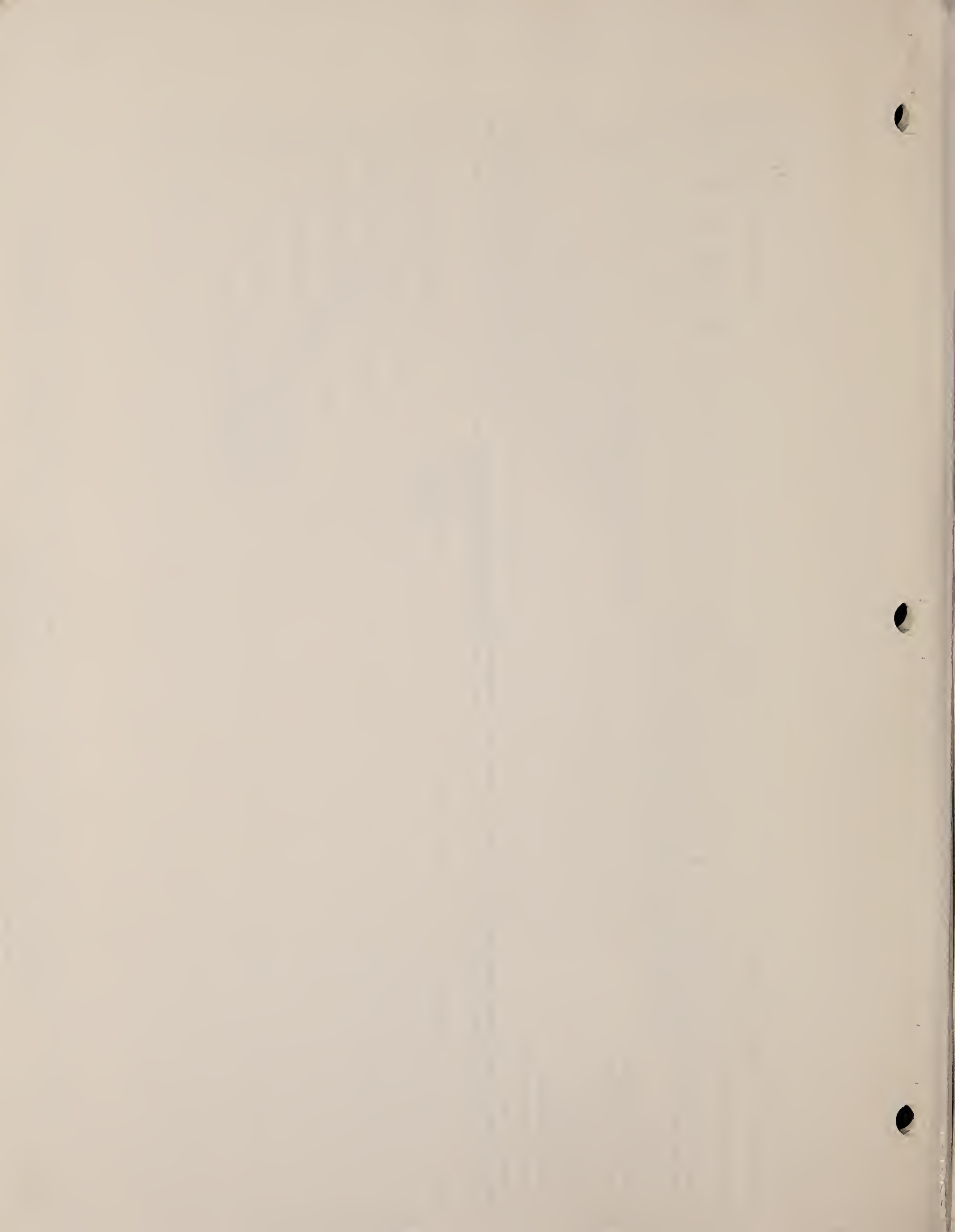


Figure 50. Normal Development Schedule For Room And Pillar Mining Method- Base Case 40
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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

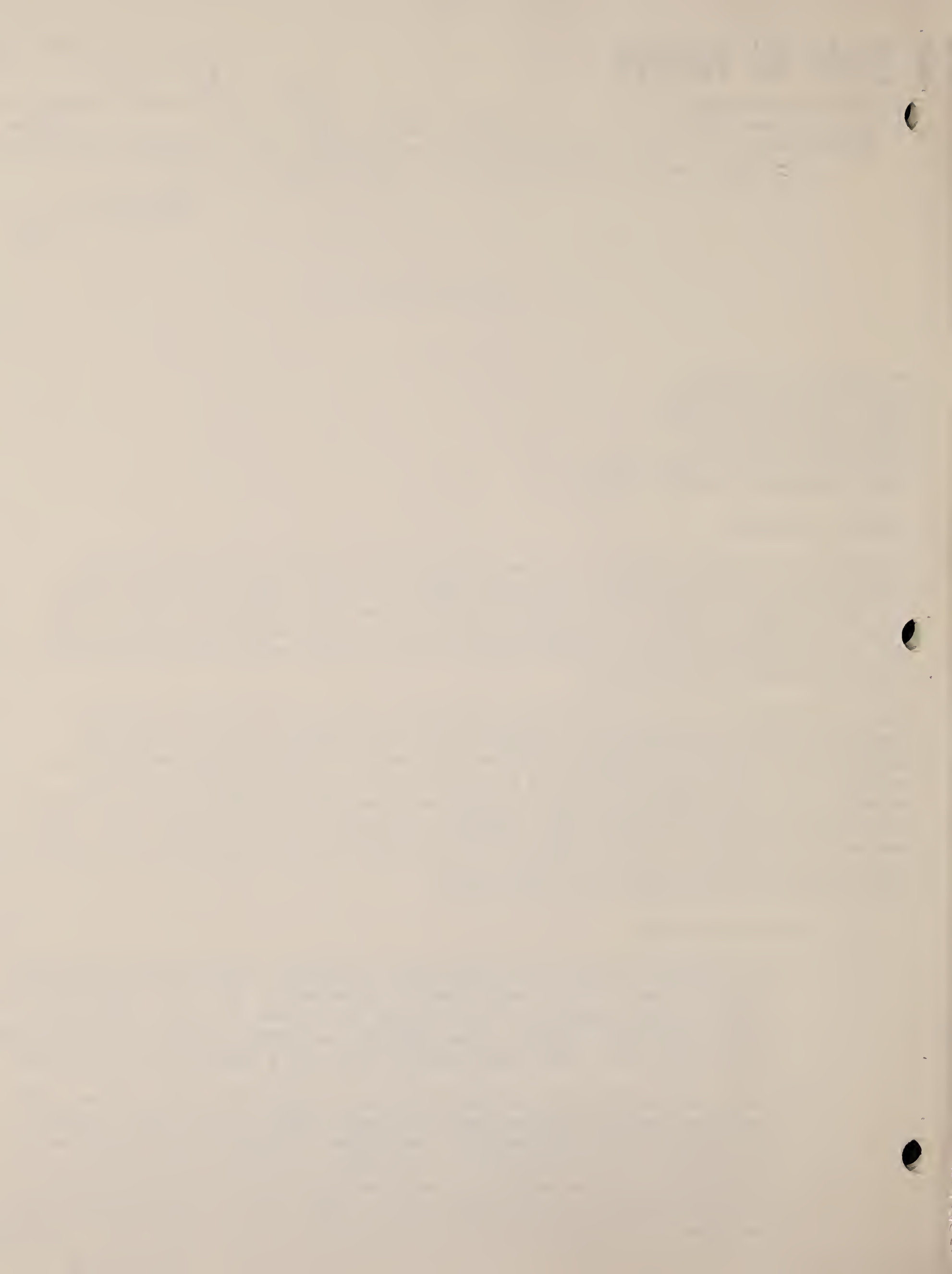
Attached is a revised schedule for the C-b Shale Oil Venture's planned development of Tract C-b under Federal Oil Shale Lease #C-20341. This revision, Figure I-B of the approved Detailed Development Plan, shows the commercial start-up date to be, December 1, 1986, or 51 months later than the date originally shown in the DDP. An attachment to the revised Figure I-B is provided which defines the specific items shown on the schedule.

When the Modification to the Detailed Development Plan was originally submitted, the mine design was conceptual. Estimates for the schedule were, by necessity, based upon preliminary information since there were no detailed engineering plans at that time. The major portion, 34 months, of the 51 month extension to the schedule is attributable to a longer requirement for shaft completion, even though the revised schedule reflects shaft sinking to proceed 3 shifts per day and 7 days per week to completion. Since the Production shaft is the only shaft on the critical path for the Project, similar schedule changes for the other shafts do not affect the commercial start-up date for the Project.

A) Shaft Completion

1. The schedule (Figure I-B) contained in the DDP indicated that mobilization for shaft sinking would begin, September 1, 1977, following termination of the Suspension of Operations on, August 31, 1977. Although site grading did commence, the contract for shaft sinking was not signed until early 1978, with mobilization beginning 4 months behind schedule.
2. The original schedule contemplated that a temporary shaft sinking plant would be used to sink the shafts to total depth, to be later removed and replaced with the permanent headframe. Eighteen (18) months were allowed for these activities. The revised schedule is based upon construction of the permanent headframe to be used during shaft sinking, thus sinking can proceed once the seal floor of the headframe is in place. The installation of the permanent hoists, electrics, controls,

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etc., can then be completed during shaft sinking. These combined activities require 28 months, thus extending the original schedule by 10 months.

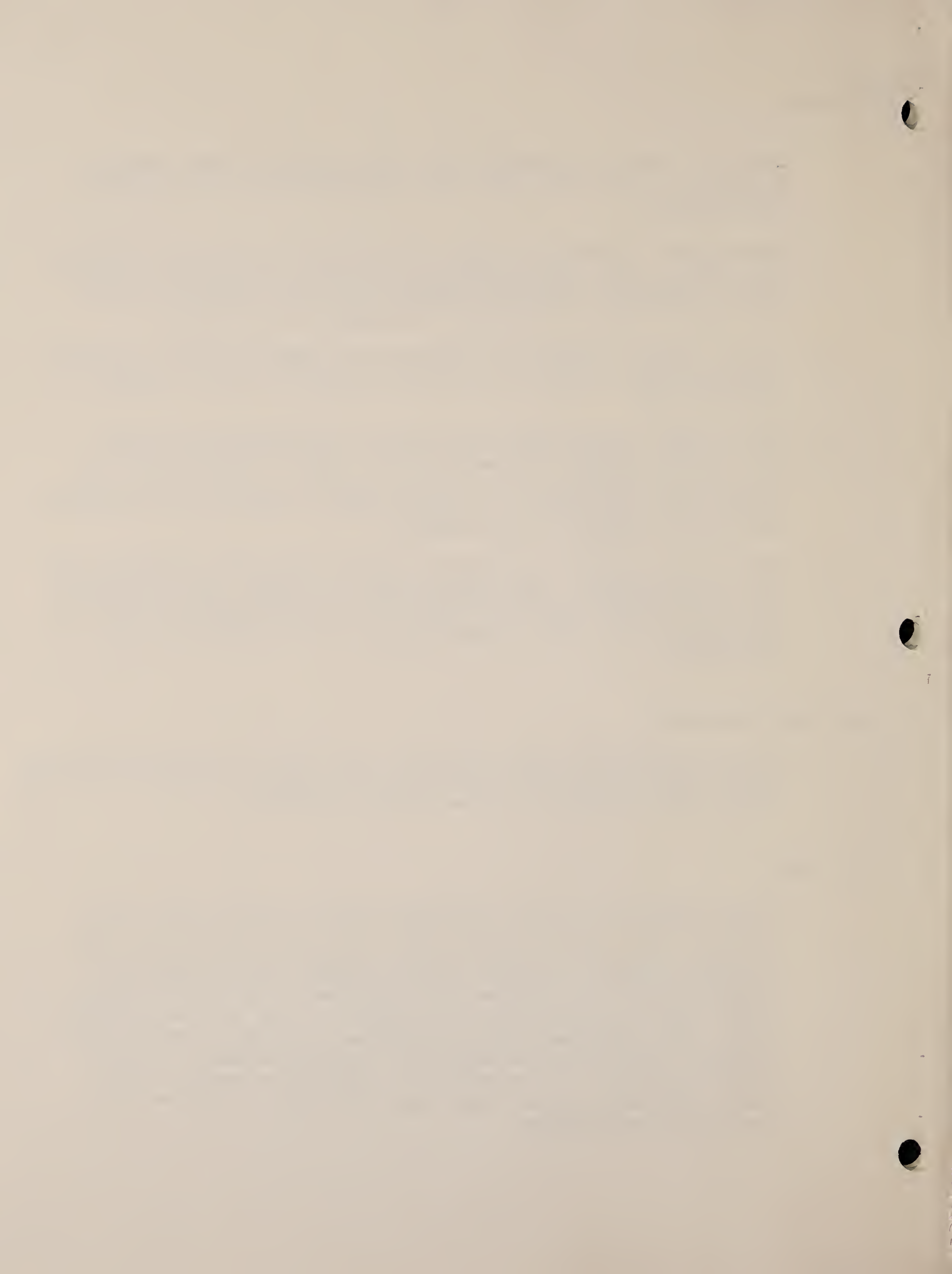
3. The original schedule was based upon eleven (11) months for sinking the shafts. The revised schedule, based upon the schedule estimated by the contractor selected to perform the work, reflects 17 months for this activity, an addition of 6 months to the schedule.
4. In the original schedule, no allowance was made for delays attributed to ground water control. The revised schedule contains 3 months for grouting time.
5. The original schedule provided 6 months for equipping the shaft, i.e., guides, ropes, conveyances, etc., and for construction of ore bins in the headframe. The revised schedule, as estimated by the shaft design subcontractor, indicates that 12 months will be required, thus adding 6 months to the schedule.
6. The original schedule provided for station development extending 100 ft. from the shaft. The revised schedule includes time for developing approximately 500 ft. of drifts at each shaft station, and three additional levels, thus adding 9 months for the additional level development.

B) Mine Development

1. Further refinement of the mining plan has led to a 28 month commercial mining effort prior to the start-up of the commercial retorts, 3 months longer than provided for in the original schedule.

C) Other

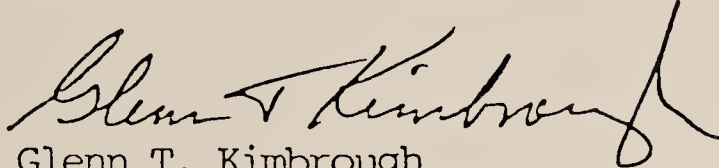
1. Since there has not been a shaft previously mined by conventional methods in the Piceance Creek Basin, there is no experience from which to accurately predict the problems which may be encountered. Concerns relative to ground control problems, water control and advance rates to be achieved are recognized as potential problems which could adversely affect the schedules. Due to these uncertainties, a 25% contingency has been applied to the shaft construction schedule, resulting in an additional 10 month extension. Should this contingency prove unnecessary, commercial operations would begin, February 1, 1986, rather than, December 1, 1986, as shown on the revised schedule.



I trust the above explanation adequately addresses the changes necessary in the Commercial Development Schedule for the C-b Shale Oil Project. Every effort will be made to shorten the schedule.

Sincerely,

C-b SHALE OIL VENTURE



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Attachment



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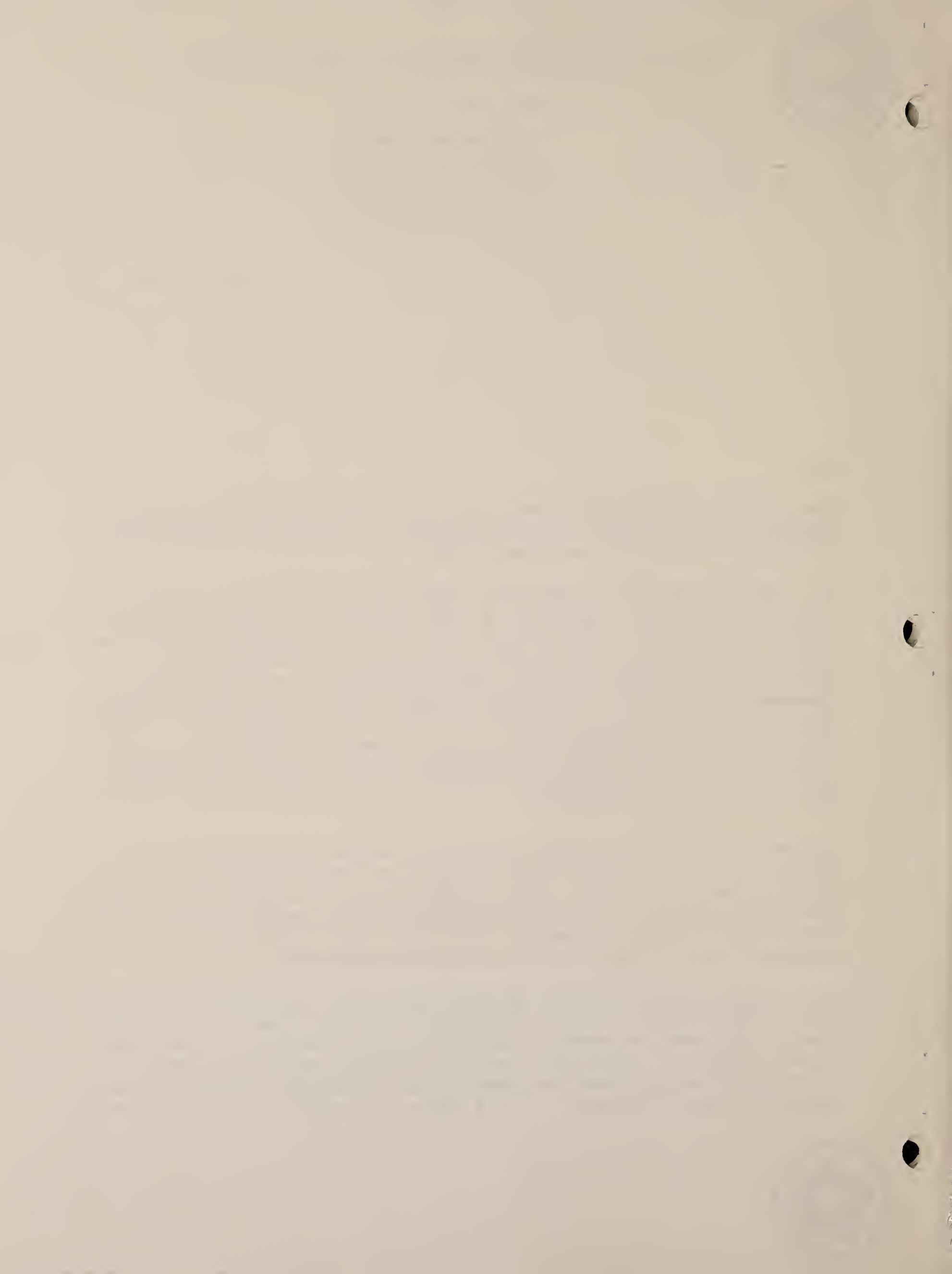
The lessees of Federal Oil Shale Tract C-b (C-b Shale Oil Venture) have submitted the enclosed revised Development and Manpower schedules for the approved Detailed Development Plan.

The revised Commercial Development Schedule (Enclosure A) replaces similarly designated Figure 1-B in the "Drawings" section of the plan dated February 1977. Enclosure B, provides a brief explanation of each of the numbered activities. The new development schedule is based on more precise estimates now that actual engineering design work has commenced and contracts have been awarded. Comparison of the original and revised development schedules indicate that an additional 51 months will be required to bring Tract C-b to commercial operation. However, as much as 12 months may be eliminated from this schedule revision if the contingency for unforeseen construction and ground control problems does not have to be exercised.

Review of the new development schedule in no way suggests that the lessees will not honor the due diligent development requirement specified in Lease Section 10. Other documentation provided by the lessees and actual observation by inspection personnel from this office indicate that shaft sinking, concreting, and hoist tower construction are proceeding at three shifts per day, seven days per week.

The revised Project Manpower Estimate (Enclosure C) replaces similarly designated Figure 1-C in the "Drawings" section of the February 1977 plan. This manpower schedule change coincides with the revised development schedule. Comparing it with the original manpower table indicates a slower build-up in construction workforce, peaking at a later date with fewer individuals over a longer and more constant growth rate.

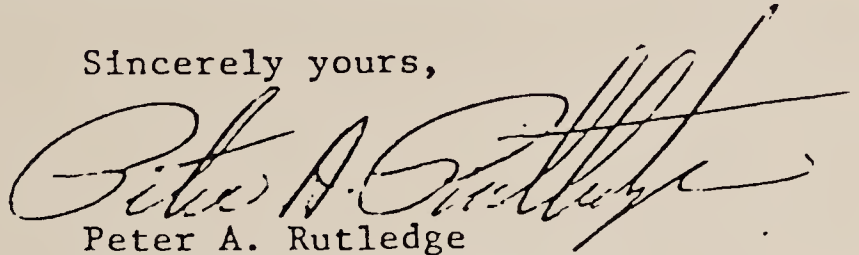




There will also be a less marked decline between the peak construction workforce and permanent operations employment easing the immediate and long-term impacts on area communities.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these schedule changes, please feel free to contact this office before May 30, 1978.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter A. Rutledge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peter A. Rutledge
Area Oil Shale Supervisor

Enclosures (3)

Sent to DDP List for Tract C-b

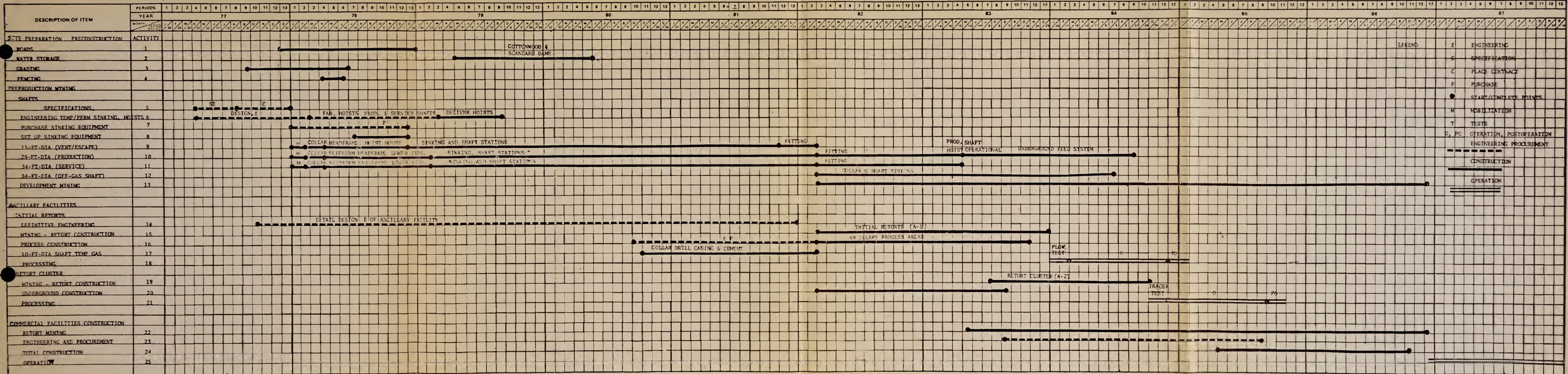


Figure 1-B - C-b Oil Shale Project Commercial Development Schedule

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ATTACHMENTTO FIGURE 1-B(OF 3-28-78)SITE PREPARATION - PREPRODUCTIONACTIVITY1. ROADS

This includes the procurement of materials, the preparation and execution of construction contracts and the construction of Tract access roads and Tract interconnecting roads.

2. WATER STORAGE

The purchase of materials, preparation and execution of construction contracts and the construction of major water storage facilities are included in this activity.

3. GRADING

This activity includes the purchase of equipment, preparation and execution of construction contract and the construction related to the general grading work. This work encompasses general excavation, fill, surface drainage, and seeding.

4. FENCING

This includes procurement, preparation and execution of construction contract and erection of both temporary and permanent fencing required for initial construction activities.

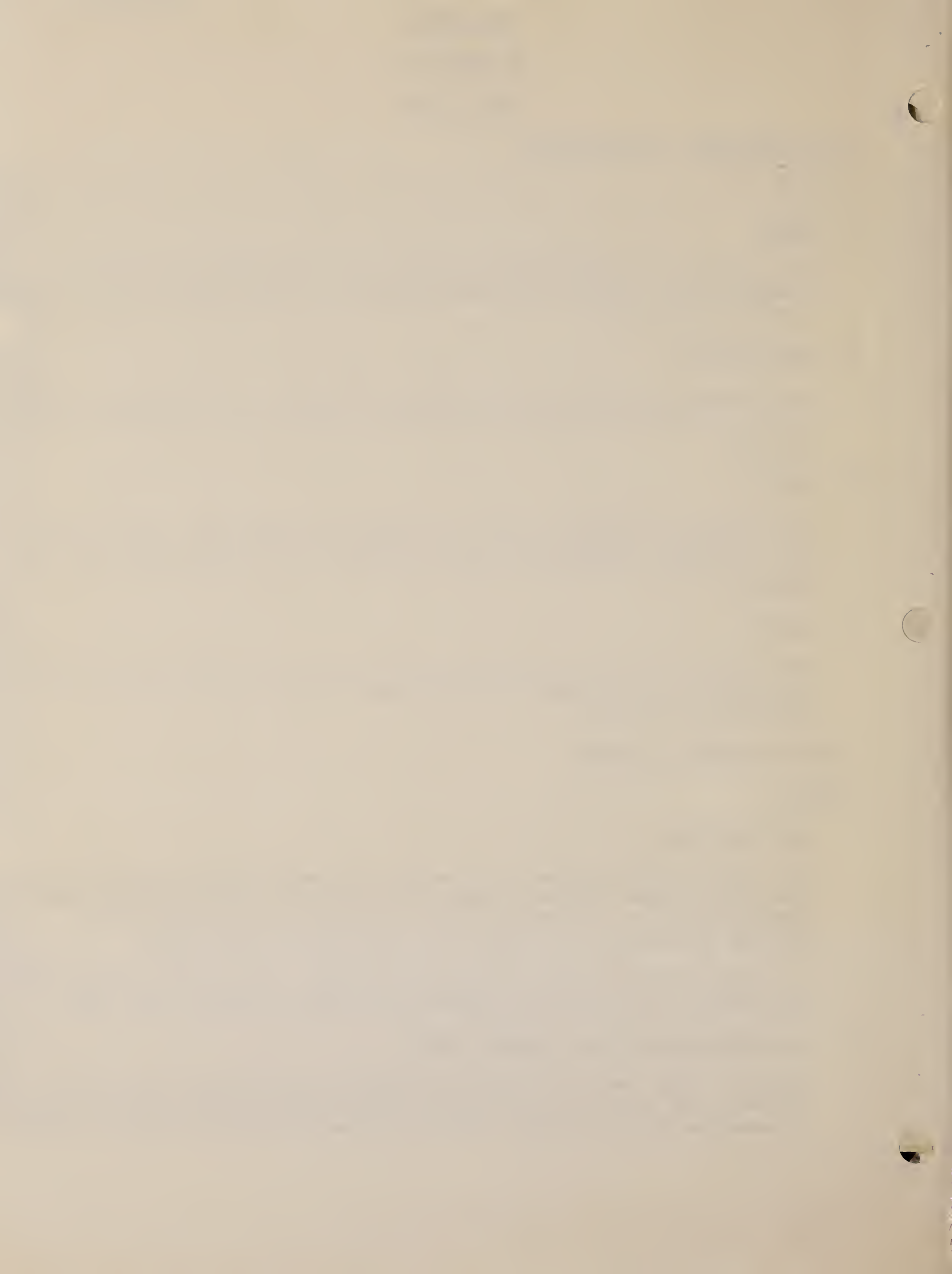
PRODUCTION MINING - SHAFTSACTIVITY5. SPECIFICATIONS

SE: This activity includes the generation of specifications and associated engineering design for the following areas related to the Production, Service, Ventilation/Escape, and Off-Gas Shafts; excavation, forming and pouring concrete foundations for collars, and slip forming of headframes.

C: This activity includes the obtaining of bids, the evaluation, preparation and execution of construction contracts for items included in "SE" above.

6. ENGINEERING TEMP./PERM. SINKING, HOISTS

Design E: This activity includes the design and engineering of the shaft equipment for the Production, Service and Ventilation/Escape Shafts. It also includes the design of hoists, hoist houses and headframes for these shafts,



and obtaining bids, the evaluation and placement of purchase orders for the Koepe friction and Orenstein & Koepe drum hoists and accessories for the Production and Service Shafts.

FAB HOISTS - PRODUCTION AND SERVICE SHAFTS: This activity includes fabrication of the tower mounted Koepe and Orenstein hoists for the Production and Service Shafts.

DELIVERY HOIST: This activity includes the period in which the various Production and Service Shaft hoists will be delivered to the Tract.

7. PURCHASE SINKING EQUIPMENT

P: This activity includes the obtaining of bids, the evaluation, and the preparation and execution of an order for an existing ground mounted double drum hoist for the Ventilation/Escape Shaft. This activity also includes a series of modifications of the purchased hoist.

8. SET UP SINKING EQUIPMENT

This activity includes installation of temporary sinking equipment for the Production and Service Shafts. It also includes the installation of the major portions of the permanent Ventilation/Escape Shaft hoists required for shaft sinking operations.

9. 15 - FT - DIA (VENT/ESCAPE) SHAFT

M: This activity includes the mobilization by the Ventilation/Escape Shaft collar contractor.

COLLAR: This activity includes the excavation, the pouring of concrete and the back filling for the Ventilation/Escape Shaft collar.

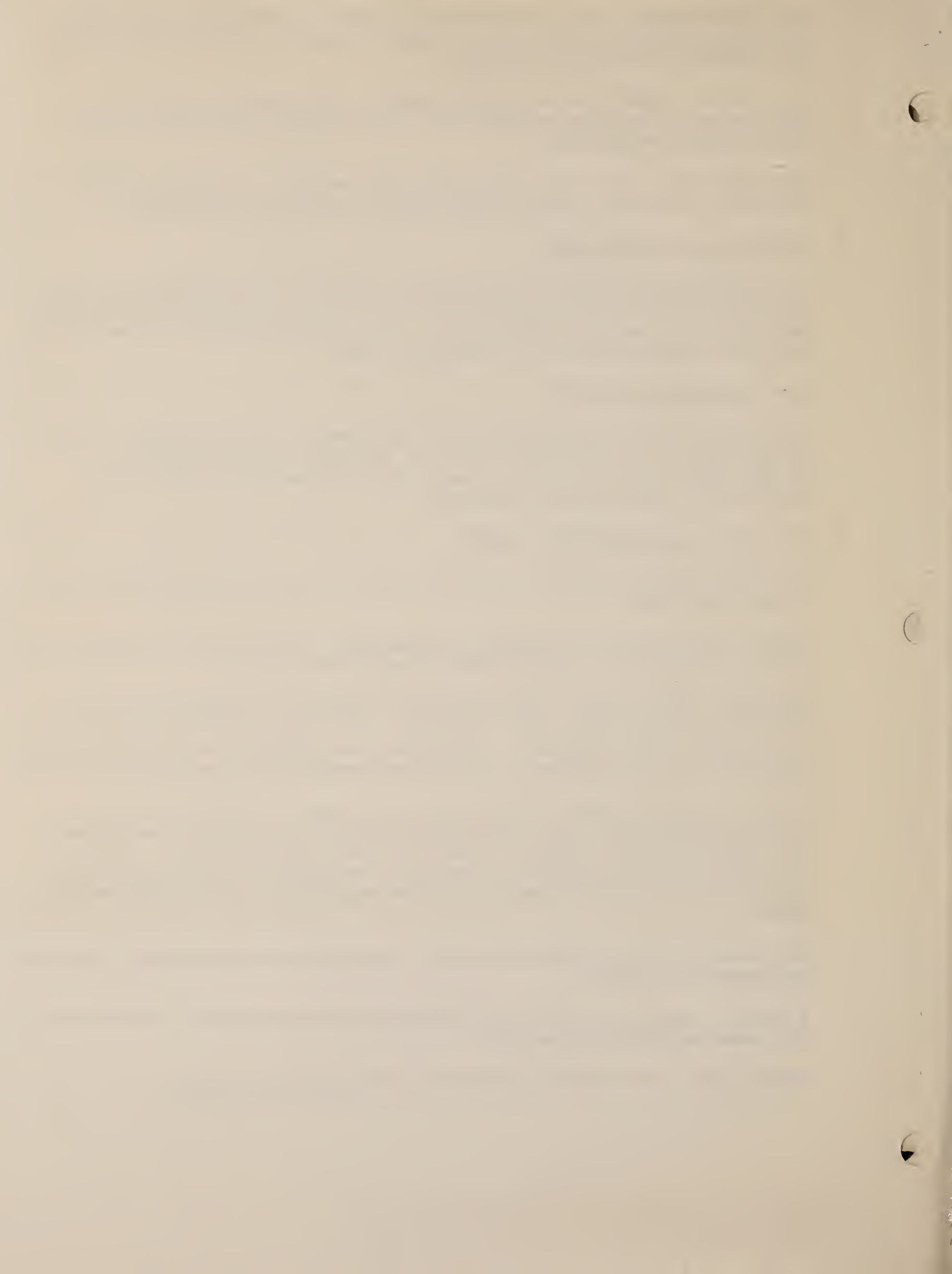
HEADFRAME, HOIST HOUSE: This activity includes the installation of the Ventilation/Escape Shaft steel headframe, its cladding and the installation of sheaves in the headframe. The activity also includes the pouring of the foundation and the erection of the ground mounted hoist house for this shaft.

SINKING, SHAFT STATIONS: This activity includes the sinking of the Ventilation/Escape Shaft using conventional drilling and blasting techniques. The sinking operation provides time for water control grouting. Time is provided for the excavation and concrete work associated with the required shaft stations and the underground interconnections with the Temporary Gas Shaft.

This activity also includes concurrent engineering and procurement for shaft operational facilities.

FITTING: Included in this is the equipping of the shaft and the erection of the associated surface ore bins.

NOTE: This entire activity includes a 25% contingency factor.



10. 29 - FT - DIA (PRODUCTION) SHAFT

M: This activity includes the mobilization by the Production Shaft collar contractor.

COLLAR: This activity includes the excavation, the pouring of concrete and the back filling for the Production Shaft collar.

SLIP FORMING, HEADFRAME, LOWER FLOORS: This activity includes the slip forming of the concrete headframe and the lower floors in the headframe to a sufficient extent to allow the installation of the temporary shaft sinking hoisting equipment.

SINKING, SHAFT STATIONS: This activity includes the sinking of the Production Shaft using conventional drilling and blasting techniques. The sinking operation provides time for water control grouting. Time is provided for the excavation and concrete work associated with the required shaft stations. During this period, the headframe is completed, and the underground passage between Production and Service Shafts is established.

This activity also includes concurrent engineering and procurement for shaft operational facilities.

FITTING: This involves the final equipping of the shaft, including hoist electrics, controls, etc., in its permanent internal configuration. Also included is the construction of an underground temporary ore feed system and the erection of the associated surface ore bins.

UNDERGROUND FEED SYSTEM: This activity includes the excavation, concreting, and equipment installation for the underground material storage, conveying, and loading facility required for full commercial production.

NOTE: This entire activity includes a 25% contingency factor.

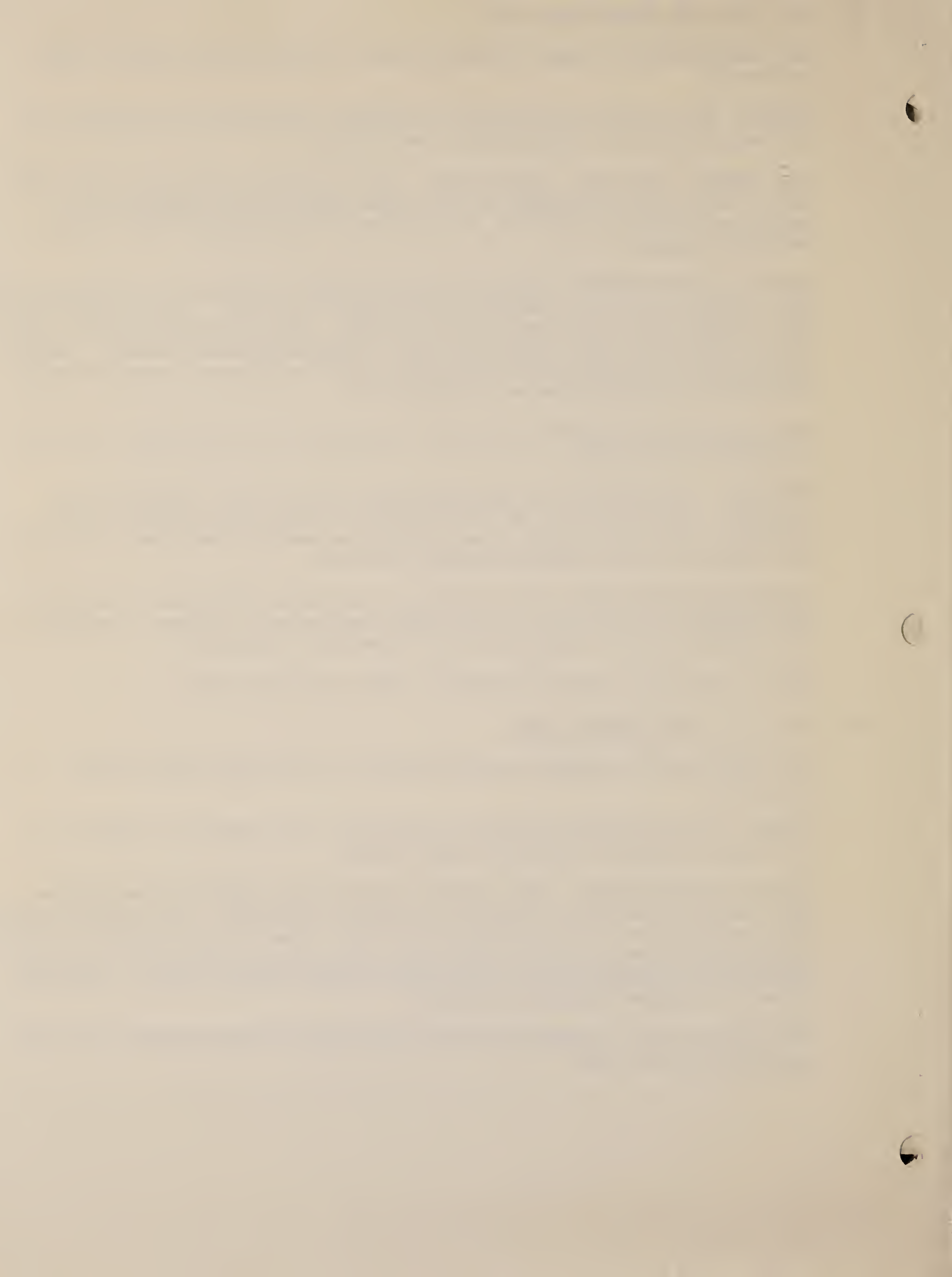
11. 34 - FT - DIA (SERVICE) SHAFT

M: This activity includes the mobilization by the Service Shaft collar contractor.

COLLAR: This activity includes the excavation, the pouring of concrete and the back filling for the Service Shaft collar.

SINKING, SHAFT STATION: This activity includes the sinking of the Service Shaft using conventional drilling and blasting techniques. The sinking operation provides time for water control grouting. Time is provided for the excavation and concrete work associated with the required shaft stations and the underground interconnection of the Production and Service Shafts. The headframe is completed during this period.

This activity also includes concurrent engineering and procurement for shaft operational facilities.



FITTING: This involves the final equipping of the shaft in its permanent internal configuration.

NOTE: This entire activity includes a 25% contingency factor.

12. 34 - FT - DIA (OFF-GAS) SHAFT

COLLAR AND SHAFT SINKING: This activity includes the excavation and pouring of concrete collar, and back filling prior to sinking. It also includes the shaft sinking of the Off-Gas Shaft using conventional drilling and blasting techniques. The sinking operation provides time for water control grouting. This activity also includes a 25% contingency factor.

13. DEVELOPMENT MINING

This preproduction activity includes the drifting (excavation) for all levels of the mine from the general shaft areas to the retorts. It also includes the mining of material from underground services area. Work for both the Ancillary and Commercial areas is involved.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES - INITIAL RETORTS

14. DEFINITIVE ENGINEERING

DETAIL DESIGN, E OF ANCILLARY FACILITIES: This activity involves the detailed design of the initial retorts and the concomitant retort cluster. Included are all of the underground process and service areas not previously designed, plus all of the Ancillary surface installations requiring early design to meet long lead delivery or other constraints. Also included is the design of any Commercial Facilities which are needed to support the Ancillary operations.

Procurement of some equipment and materials is part of this activity.

15. MINING - RETORT CONSTRUCTION

INITIAL RETORTS (A-1): This activity covers the mining for the initial retorts together with all the associated concrete work and equipment/material installation necessary for proper retort operation.

16. PROCESS CONSTRUCTION

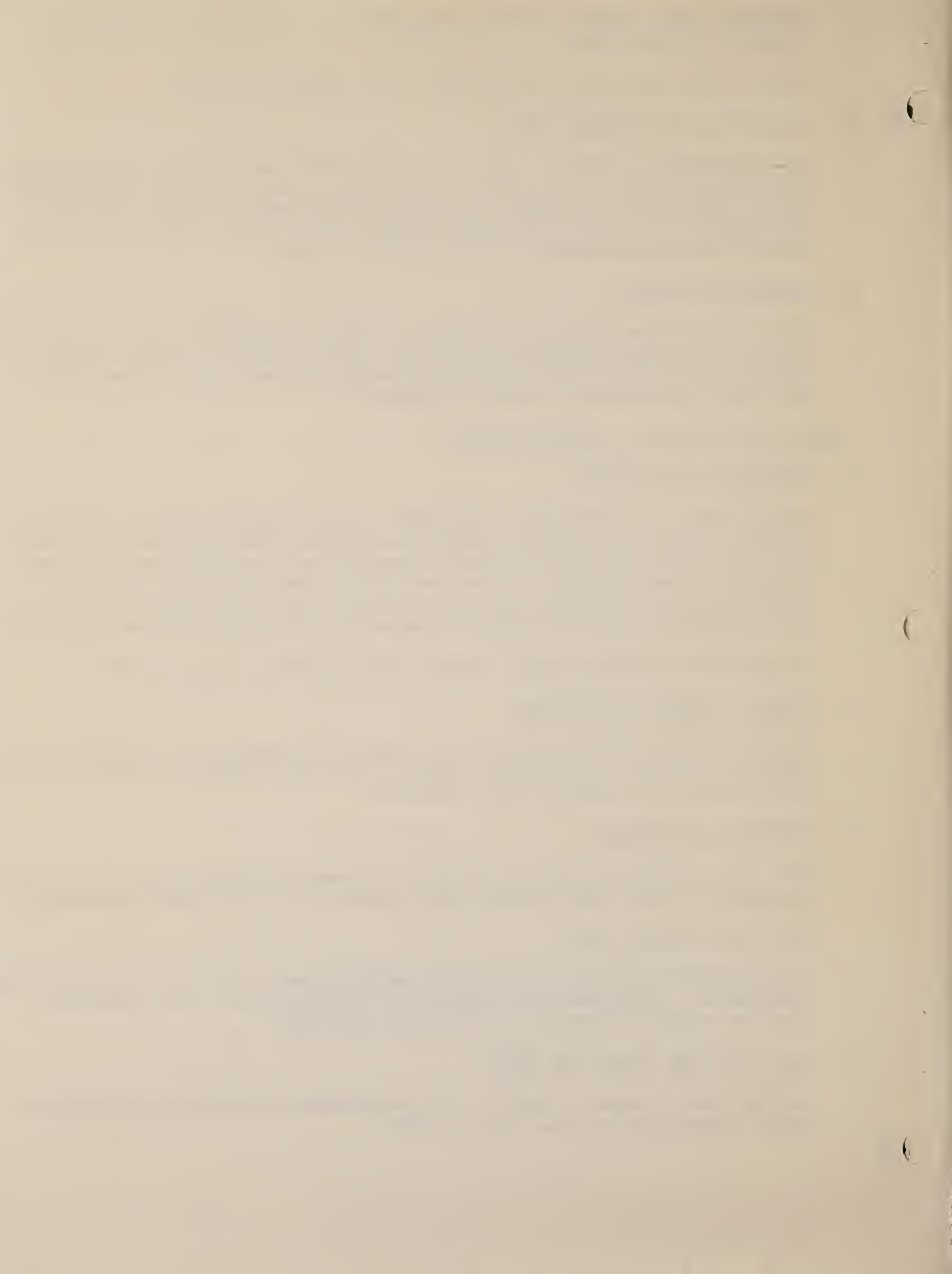
EP: This activity includes the routine engineering and procurement activities required for the surface process areas needed for all Ancillary operations.

ANCILLARY PROCESS AREAS:

This includes the construction of the surface areas required for all Ancillary operations. It includes the construction of any portion of the Commercial Plant necessary to support the Ancillary operations.

17. 10 - FT - DIA (TEMP. GAS) SHAFT

COLLAR, DRILL, CASING & CEMENT: This encompasses the complete construction below ground level of this drilled shaft.



18. PROCESSING

FLOW TEST: This is the period required to test the completed underground Ancillary initial retorts prior to the start of operations.

O: This is the operational period for the initial retorts.

PO: This is the period during which significant post operation activities take place. This involves both orderly shut down activities and production related measurements. Continued post operation monitoring is not shown.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES - RETORT CLUSTER

ACTIVITY

19. MINE-RETORT CONSTRUCTION

RETORT CLUSTER (A-2): This activity covers the mining for the Retort Cluster (A-2), and all the associated work and equipment/material installation necessary for proper retort operation.

20. UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION

This activity covers the installation of all Ancillary related underground equipment and materials outside the retorts. Included are both mine related service areas and process related installations.

21. PROCESSING

TRACER TEST: This is the period required to test the underground Ancillary Retort Cluster (A-2) prior to the start of operations.

O: This is the operational period for the Ancillary Retort Cluster (A-2).

PO: This is the period during which significant post operational activities take place. This involves both orderly shut down activities and production related measurements. Continued post operation monitoring is not shown.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

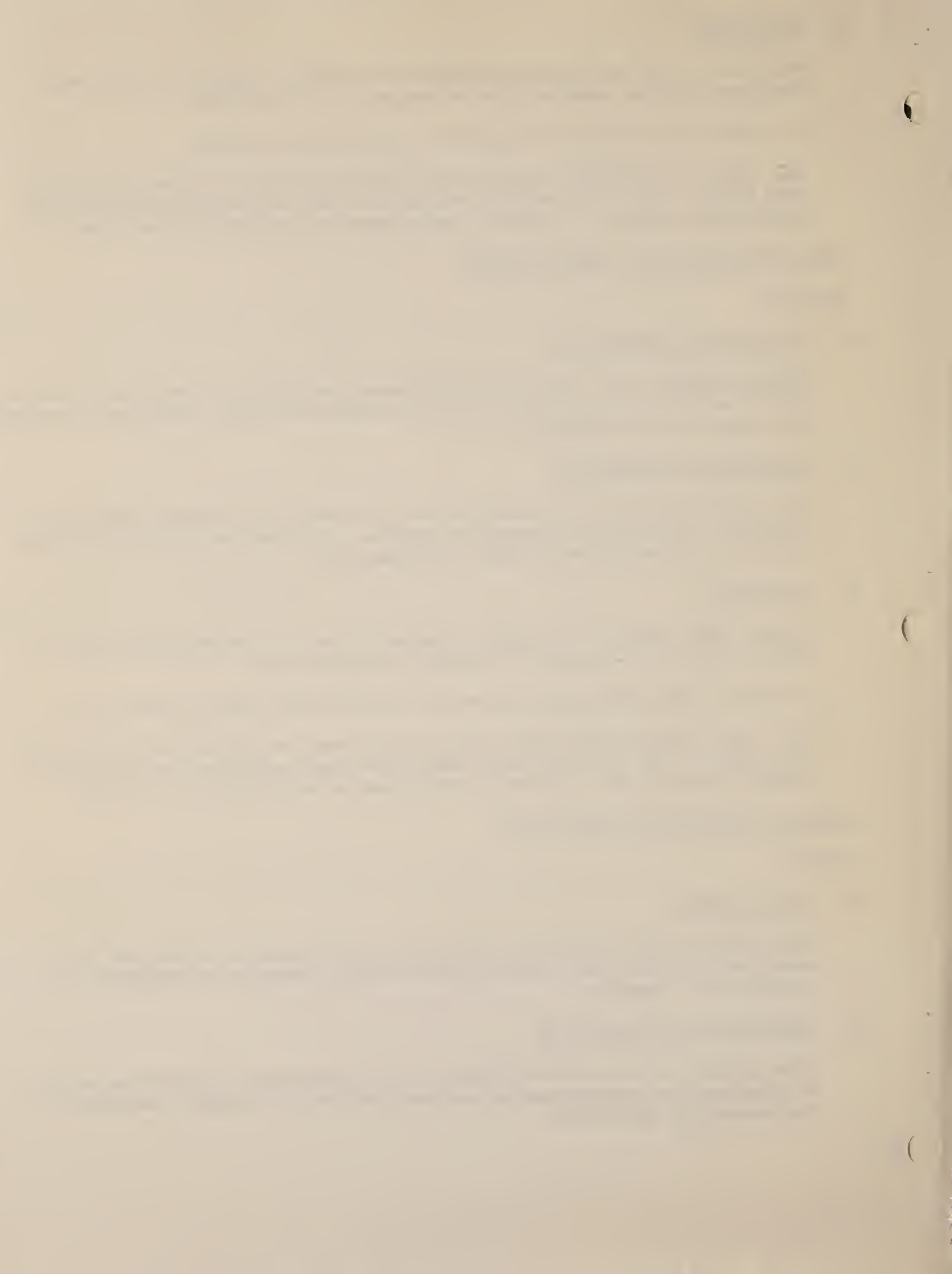
ACTIVITY

22. RETORT MINING

This period covers mining for construction of Commercial retorts and all associated concrete work and equipment/material installation necessary for proper retort operation.

23: ENGINEERING AND PROCUREMENT

This activity involves the engineering and procurement activities necessary to complete both underground and surface portions of the plant necessary for commercial operations.



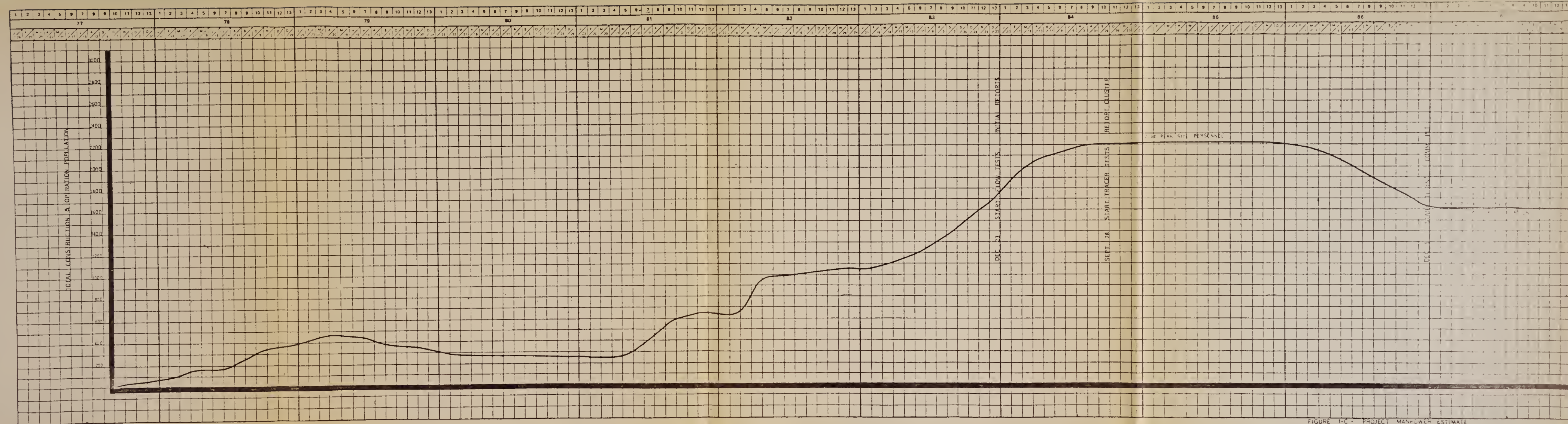
24. TOTAL CONSTRUCTION

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25. OPERATIONS

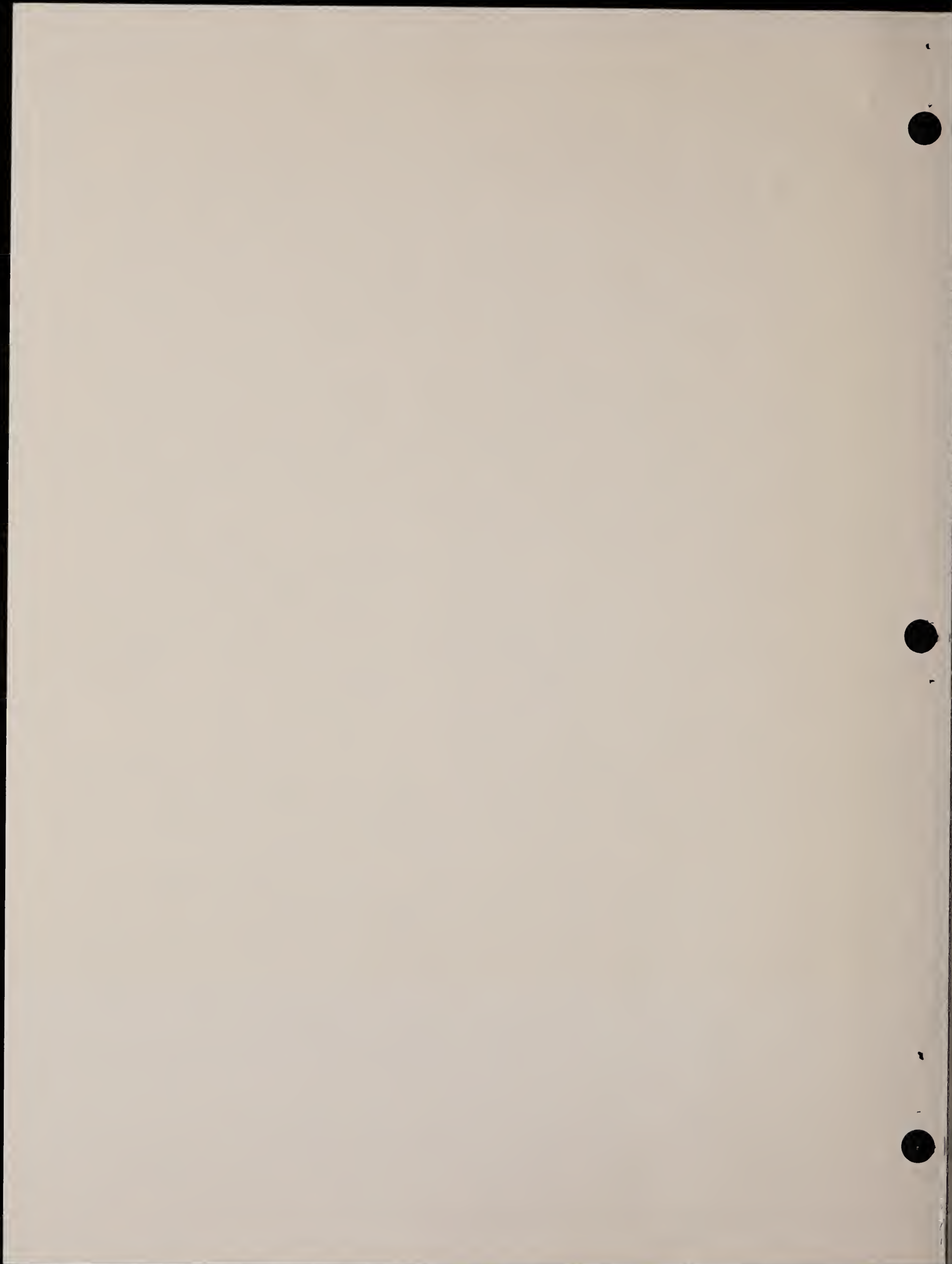
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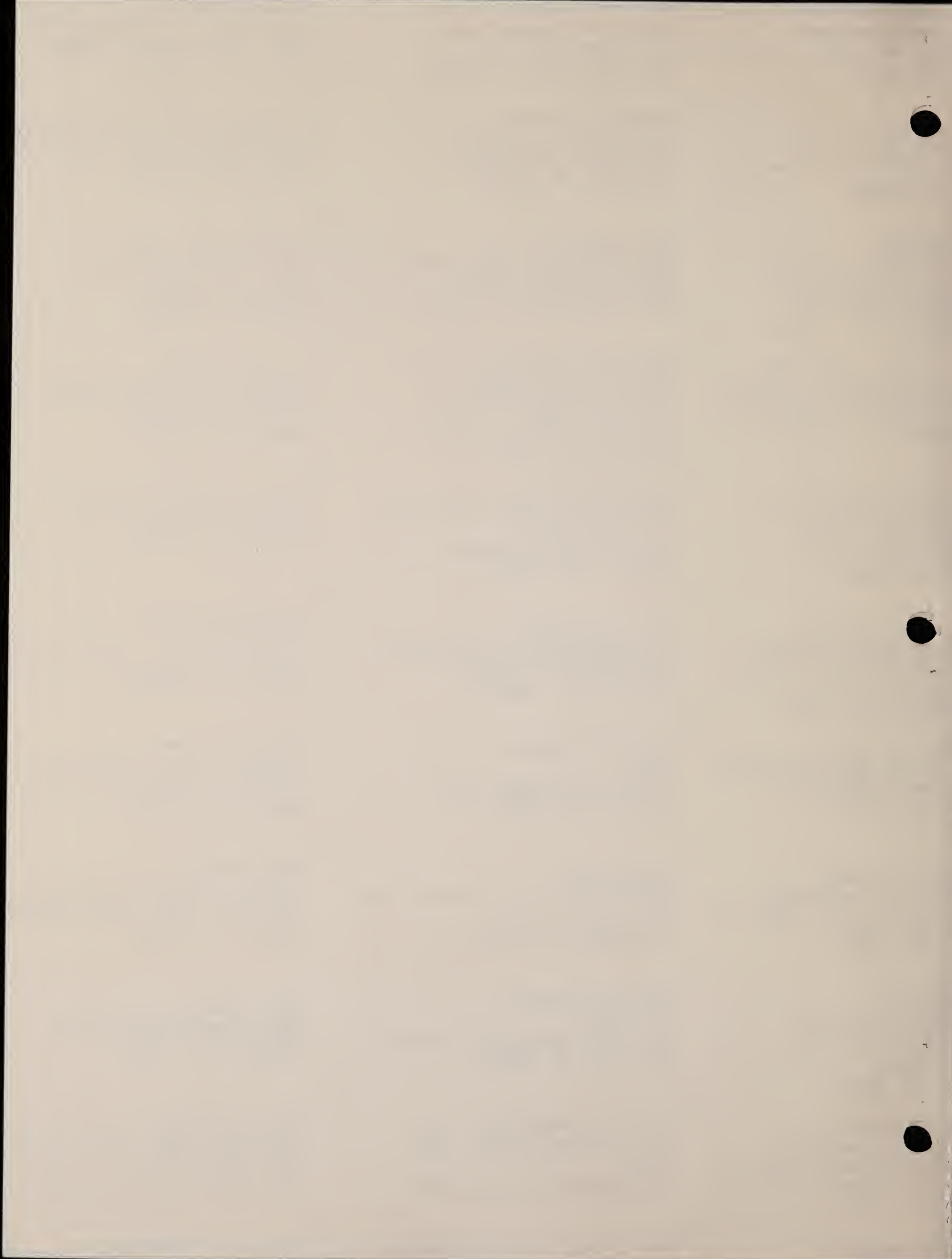
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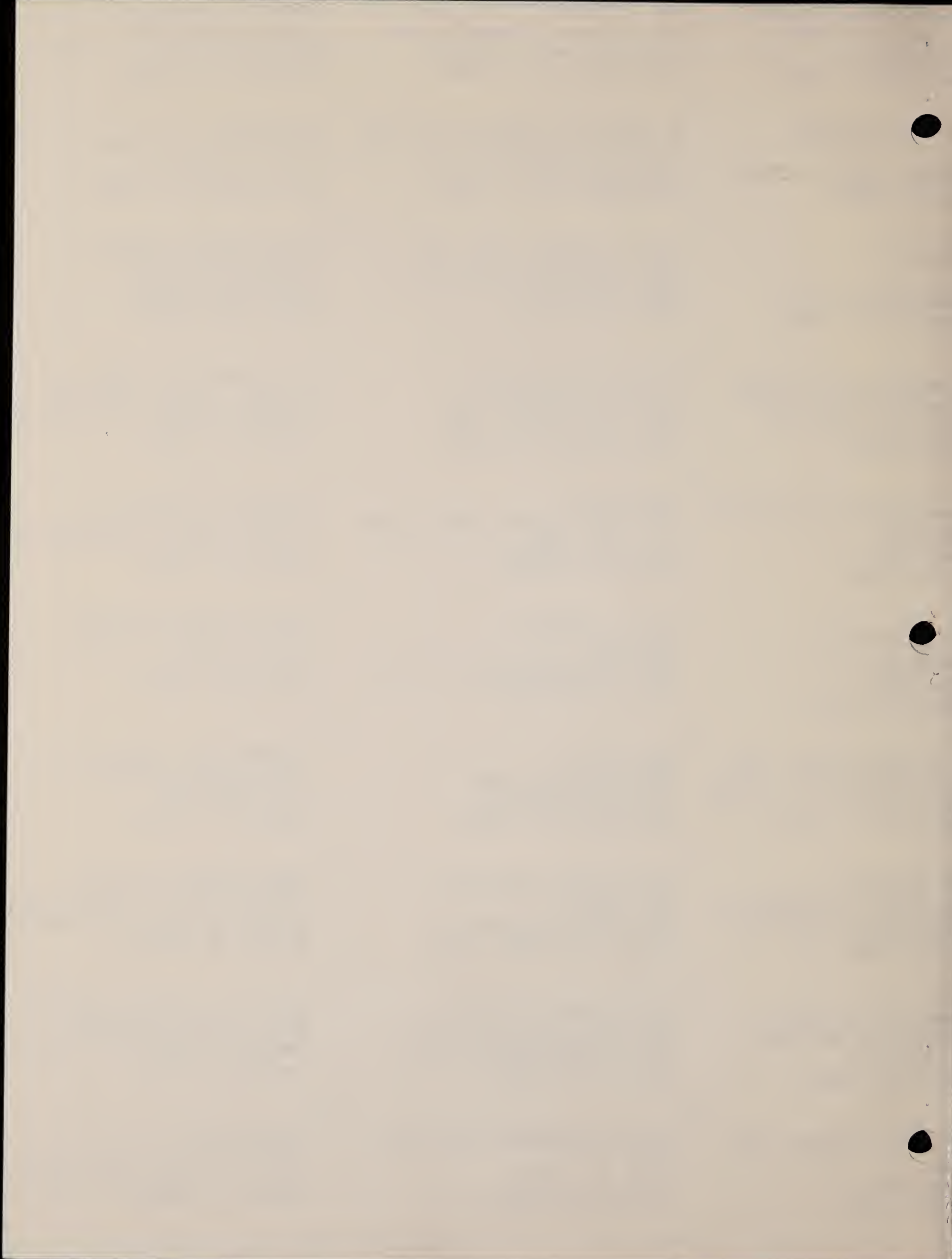


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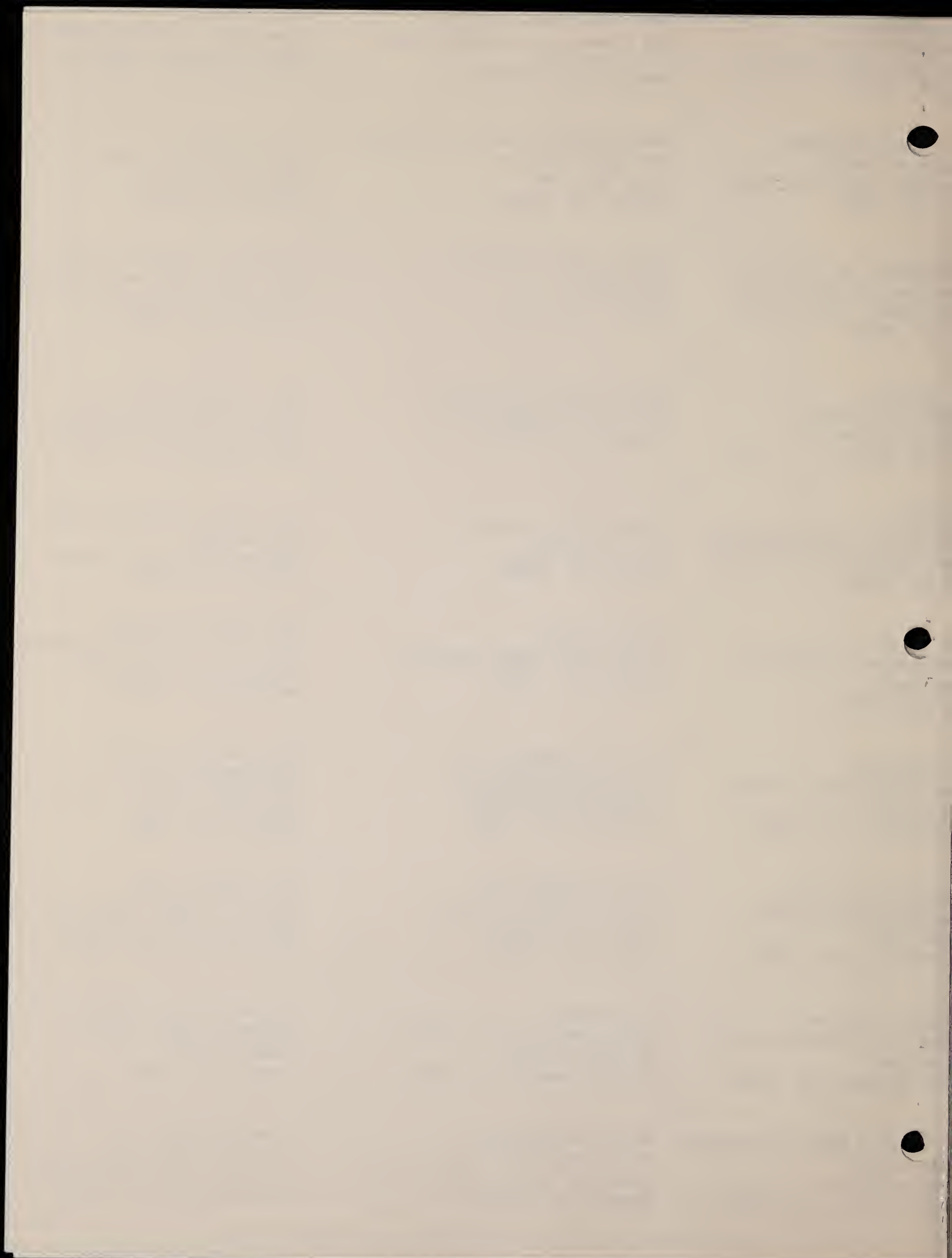
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DETERMINATION OF LEASE AND DDP APPROVAL COMPLIANCE

Nature of Submission: Design Plan () Permit () Condition of Approval () Other (X) DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE
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Date Submitted 3/17/78 Date Decision is Due ___/___/___ Date Completion Staff Review 3/24/78

Title of Submission REVISED DDP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

SMIS Code: Doc. # 7/8/0/0/5/0/8/ File 0/3/ Area 0/2/2/ Subject 1/0/3/3/, 1/0/2/0/, 1/5/1/6/

Administrating Agency: AOSS F. Status: Outside Comments Requested ()
From: _____

Date of Determination of Lease & DDP Compliance: ___/___/___
Supplemental Material Submitted ()

Date of Approval by Administrating Agency: ___/___/___
Nature: _____

NATURE/SUBJECT OF SUBMISSION (Coordinator) *
Revised development schedule appreciative of time *
required to actually sink shafts *

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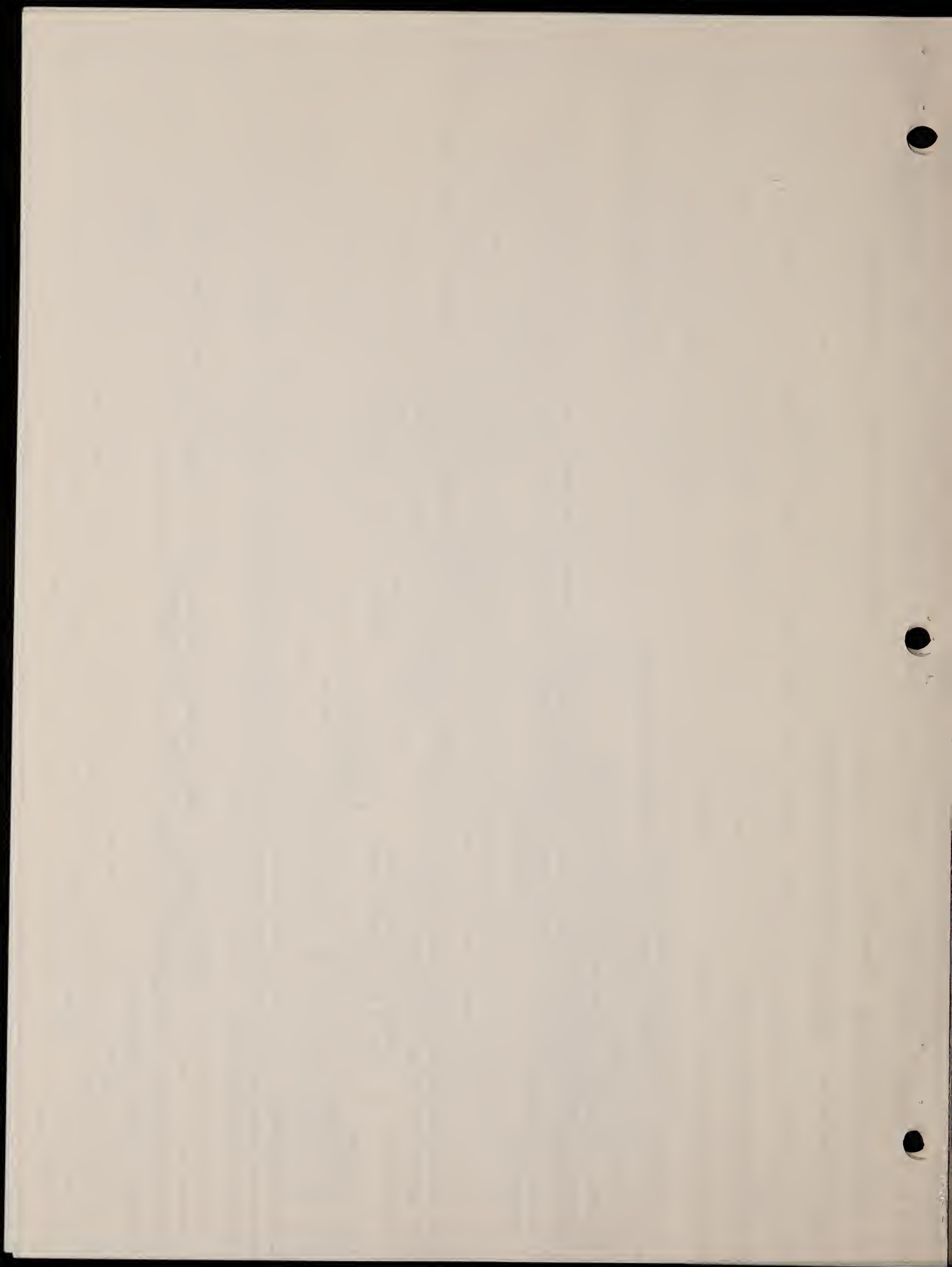
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	Yes	No	Conditional	
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COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINING SUPERVISOR (Coordinator)

All comments noted. Decision by AOSS will be made following distribution of schedule changes to OSEAL + DDP recipients.

DOCUMENT TRACKING (Coordinator)
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Ed Handell - Appears to be reasonable considering granting of shafts, may be room for improvement in sinking schedule by dewatering w/wells which would eliminate grouting time. Do we have sinking schedule showing round the clock operation? Probably should have that clarified to justify diligence question, yes

Abstract States
1 shift per day.

Brady - I agree with Ed on the last statement. Also, has the lessee committed to the Horizontal development method, as stated under item 3 of this submittal? Should ~~be~~ this commitment be specifically documented by a revision in the DDP? no change needed

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apparently so

DP contemplated
with UFF + HFF
words

Dict 2 - Appears OK - Need to see if this will alter any of the monitoring Plan time schedule. discussed w/ Lessee

To be checked by
each review of
Mon Prog Plan

B.P. ✓

Joy ✓

seems like a long time to punch a hole in the ground

contingencies +
other cost from
eng. design

Lothe, This should be reflected in the monitoring plan + proves the necessity of gearing that program to actual development phases and not later.

agree!


copies made &
passed out
1/23/78

Be certain that the lessee have provided this info to EPA + state. Also each of the new schedule

✓
FELIX: YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE THE SCHEDULE EXTEND AGAIN, TO

P. Tucker: appears in order since the main change is only schedule and not change of methodology. AS others have mentioned, this schedule change will have to coincide with monitoring program and maybe use actions completed instead of dates, that could easily slip again

agree ✓



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 25, 1978

TO: Colorado Clearinghouse

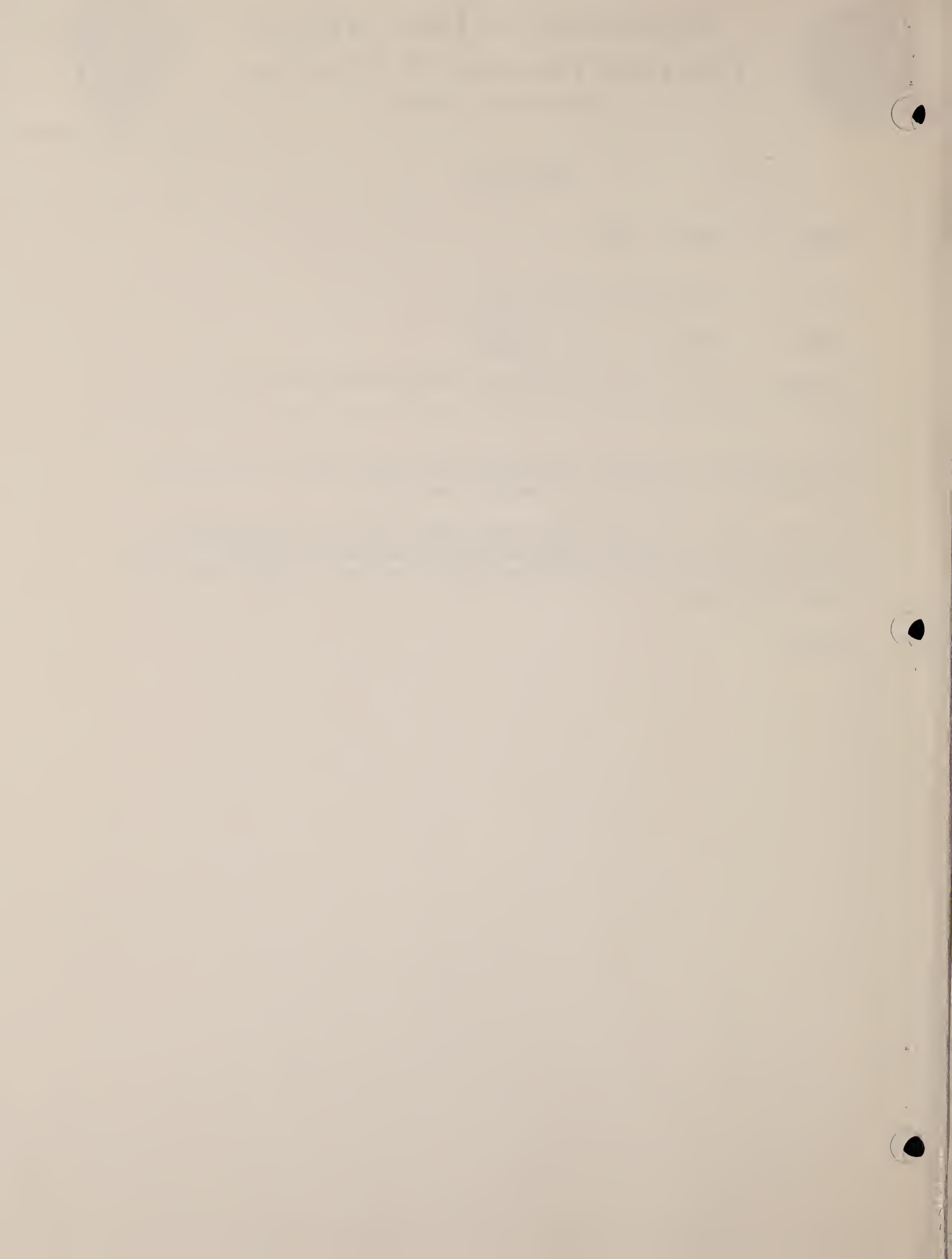
FROM: Philip H. Schmuck *Phil*


SUBJECT: U. S. Geological Survey--Manpower Schedules for C-b

The Division of Planning appreciates the opportunity of reviewing the revised development and manpower schedules.

We find them to be quite consistent with policies recommended by the division in that the manpower table indicates a gradual buildup, peaking at a late date, and tapering off to the permanent work force rather gradually.

PHS/btm





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SUBJECT: Development and Manpower Schedules
for Oil Shale C-b DDP
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Gentlemen:

The Colorado Clearinghouse has received and processed the above-referenced plan for review by State agencies. Enclosed please find the comments of interested agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

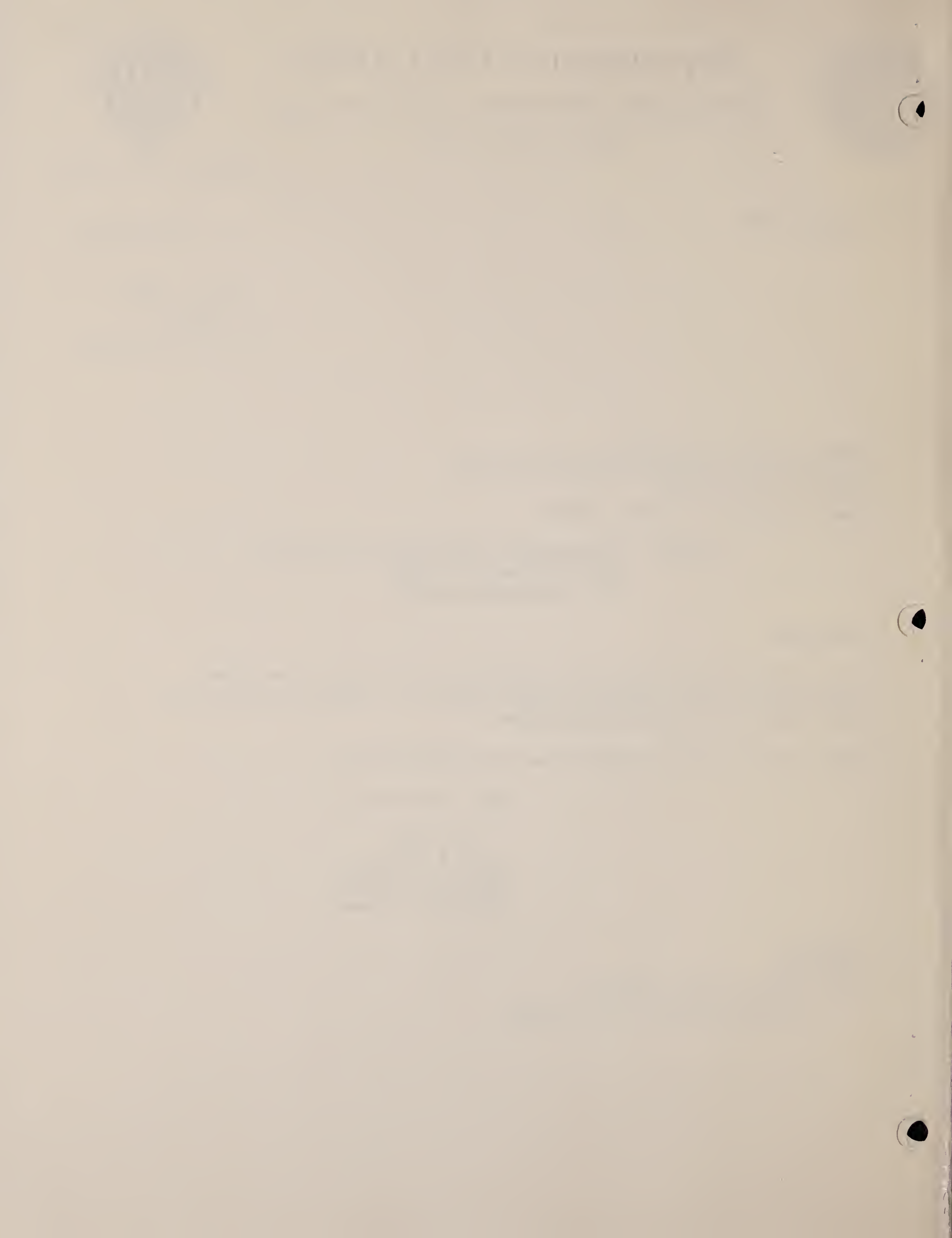
Very truly yours,


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Principal Planner

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

RE: DEVELOPMENT AND MANPOWER
SCHEDULES FOR OIL SHALE C-b
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We have conducted a staff review of the Development and Manpower Schedules for Oil Shale C-b DDP from the standpoint of the Colorado Geological Survey's interest. We see no problem with the plan.

Sincerely,

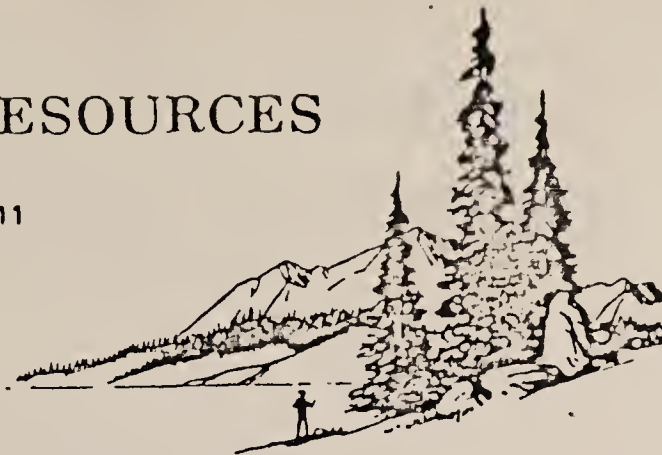
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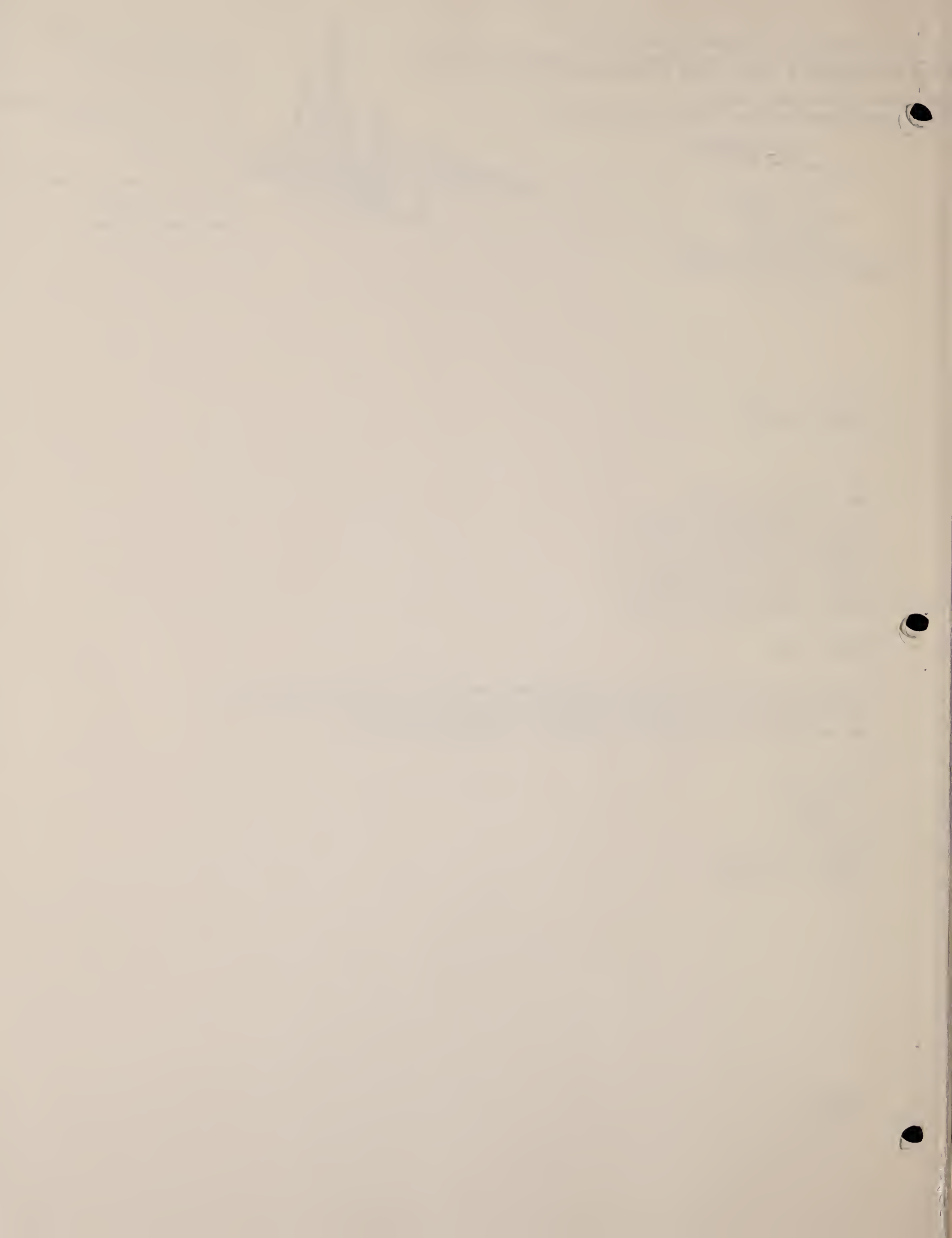
Dear Pete:


The Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the Revised Development and Manpower Schedules for Cb. The Department sees no significant problems with the revised schedule.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Siek
Deputy Director

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the comments of the Colorado Geological Survey concerning the above referenced project. These comments arrived after submittal of other responses, but they supplement our previous transmittal.

Very truly yours

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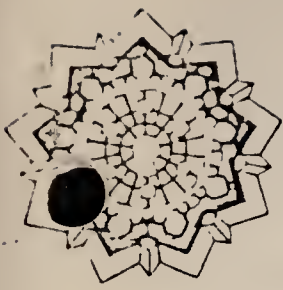
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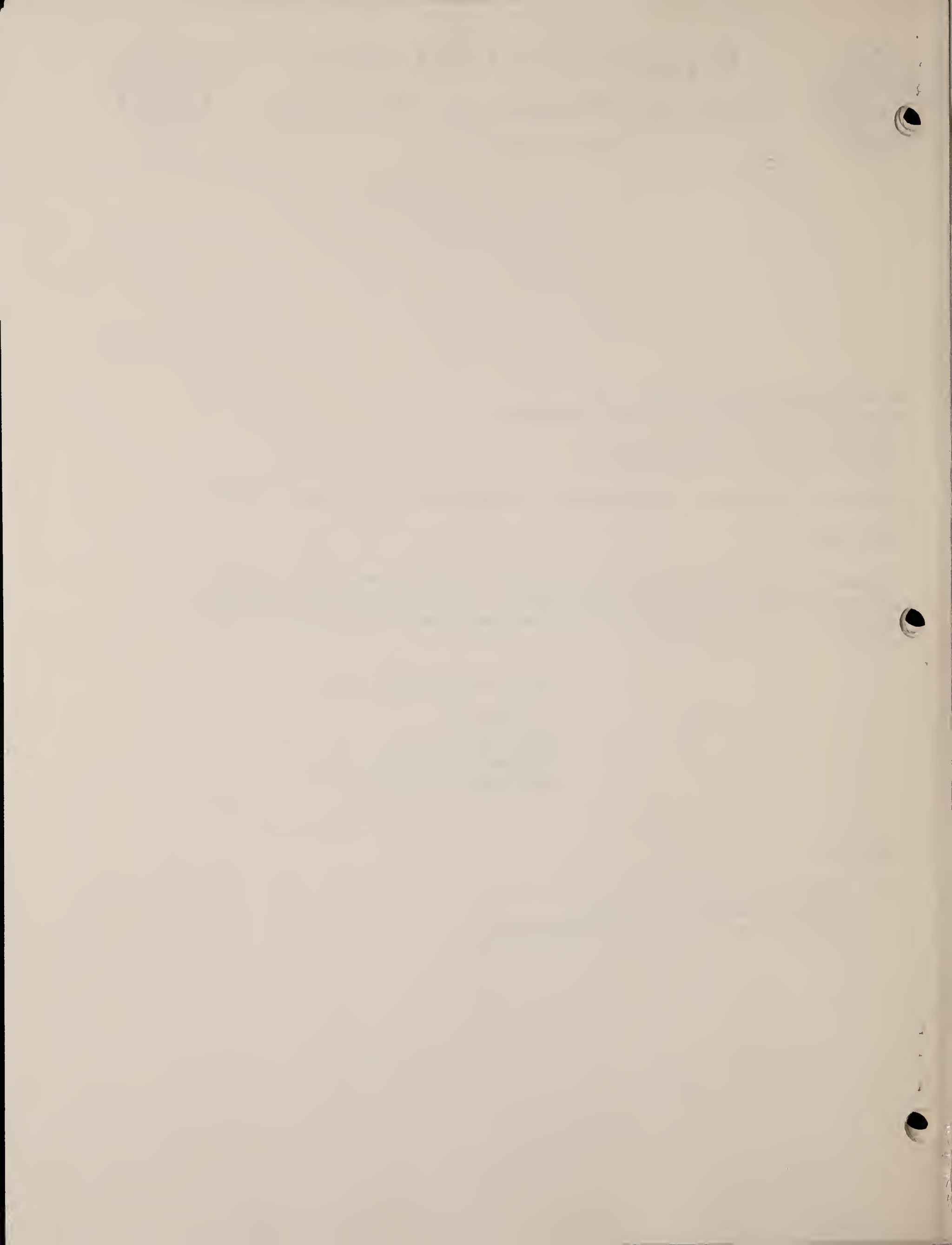
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STATE IDENTIFIER: NA

COMMENTS DUE BY: May 30, 1978

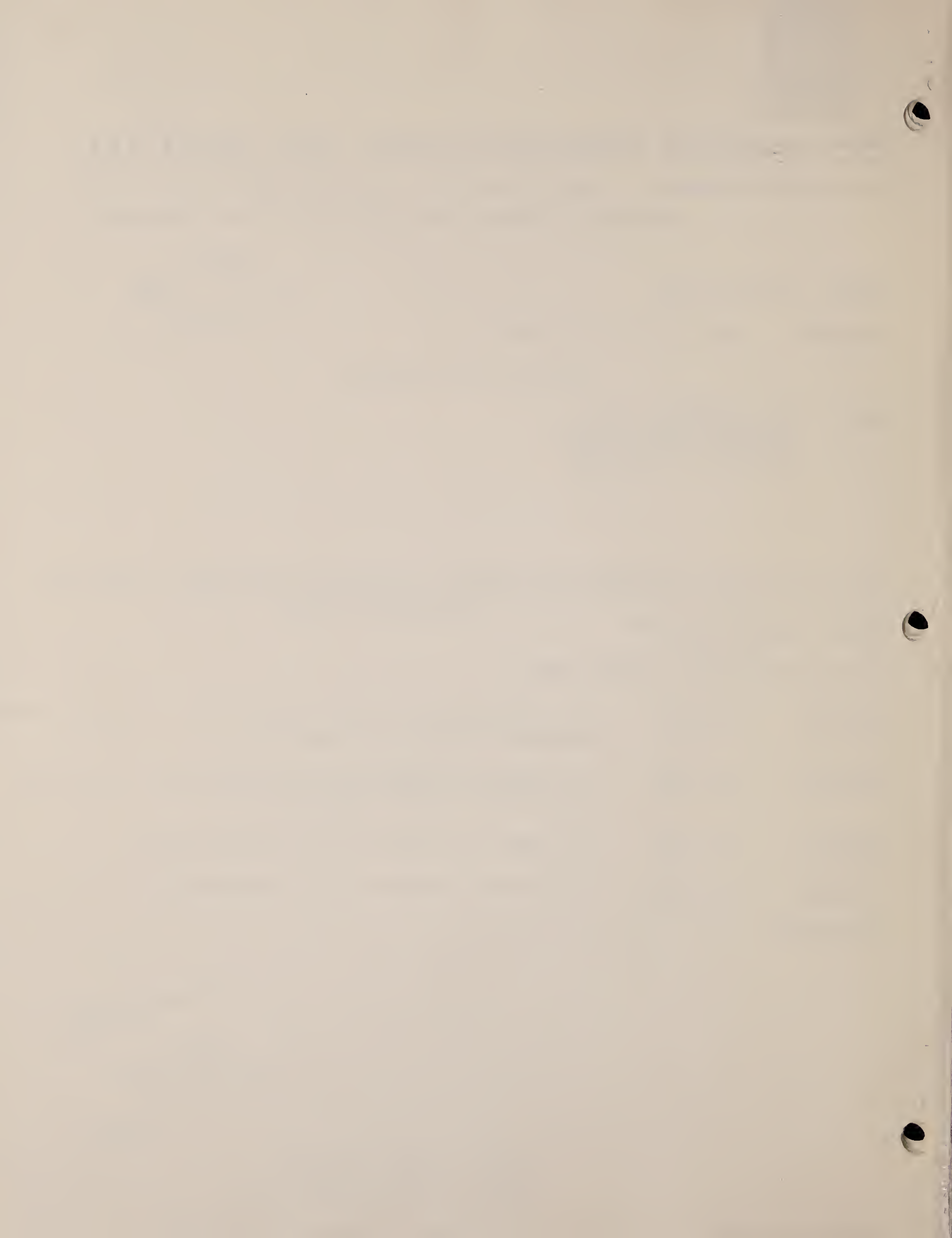
- Yes No Is this project consistent with the goals and objectives of this agency?
- Yes No Is there evidence of overlapping of duplication with other agencies?
- Yes No Is meeting desired with applicant?
- Yes No A 15-day extension is requested.

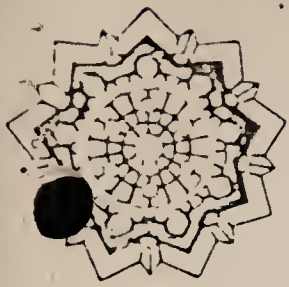
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Area Oil Shale Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Development and Manpower Schedules for Oil Shales c-b DDP

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the comments of the Colorado Department of Health regarding the above-referenced project. This submittal supplements our previous responses.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

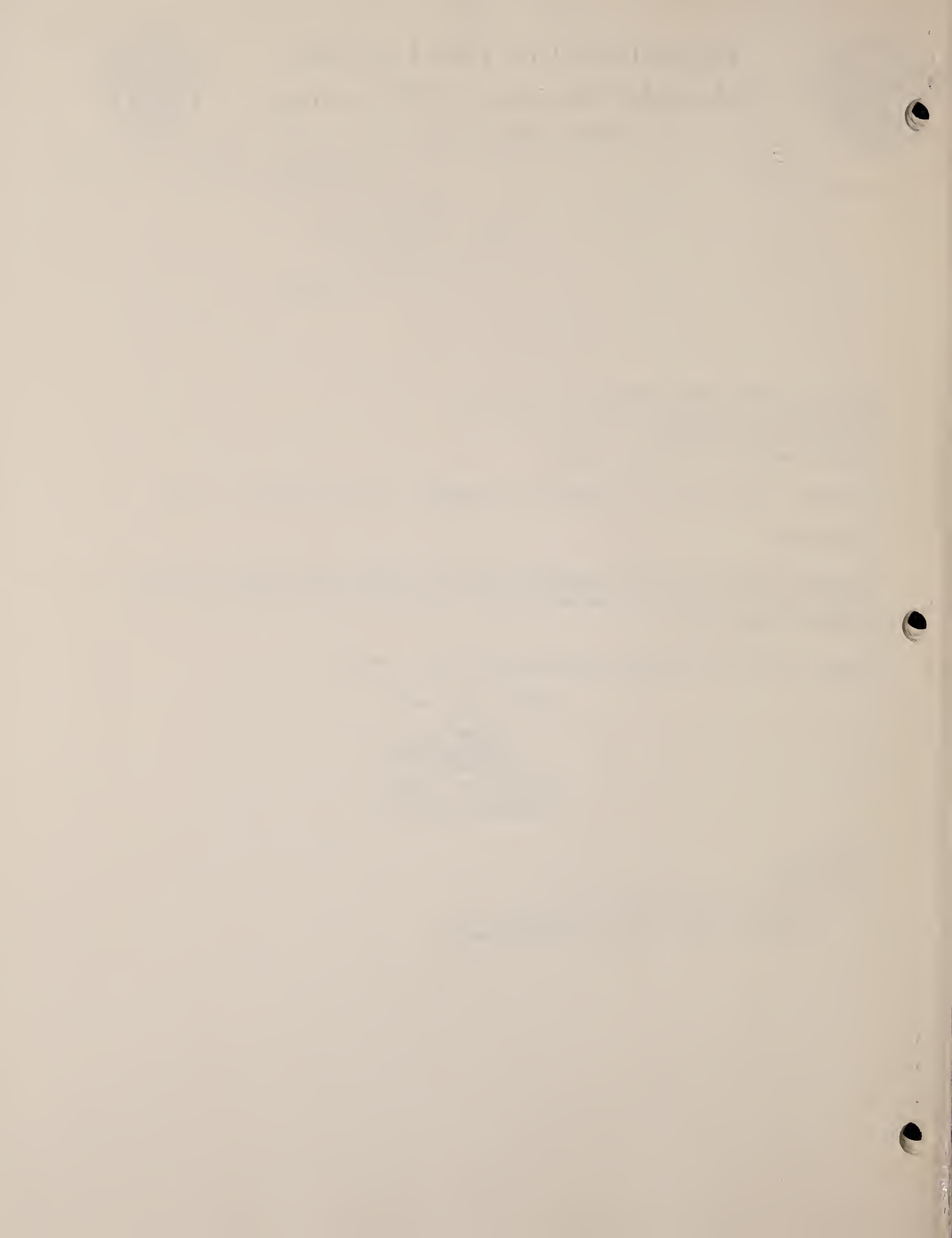
Very truly yours,

Stephen O. Ellis
Principal Planner

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Enclosure

cc: Office of the Governor
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Rio Blanco Natural Gas Co.

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Attention: Mr. Peter A. Rutledge
Area Oil Shale Supervisor

Gentlemen:

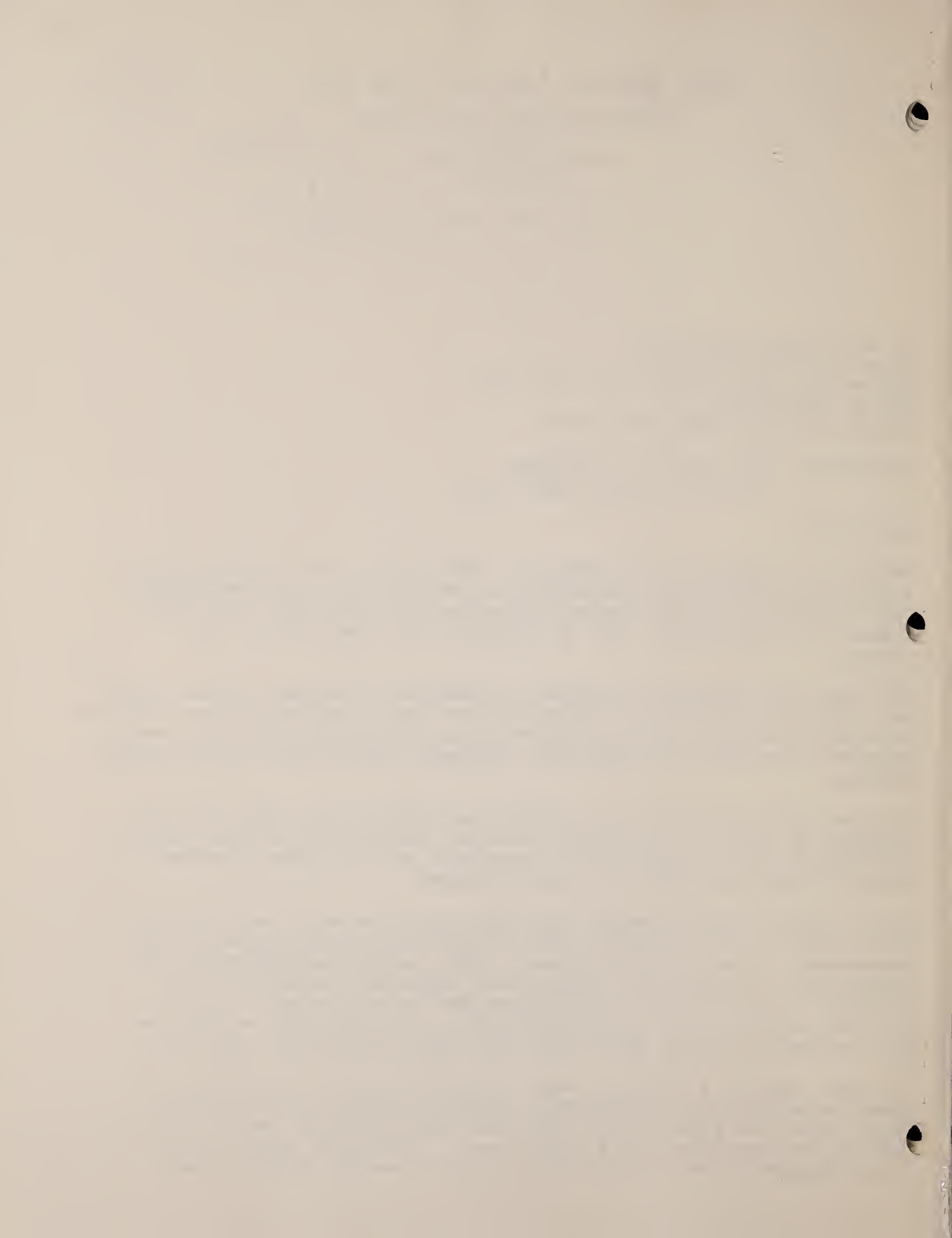
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Now that this premature project is underway, because of its scope and experimental nature, there are few individuals or organizations with the time or staff to follow it in sufficient detail to make possible assembly of meaningful comments, especially on such short notice.

In the public interest, it would seem appropriate that periodic reports be made to interested parties (including the news media) by the Oil Shale Supervisor on progress and problems observed in work on both prototype oil shale tracts.

It is fully understandable that the operators of Tracts C-a and C-b will, in the course of their work, be tending to emphasize successes and minimize problems. Even handed judgments of the Supervisor, reported at appropriate intervals, would be most helpful to the public in analysing the true meaning of events as they occur on the prototype tracts and comparing results on the prototype tracts with other oil shale extraction projects.

In this regard, I think it most appropriate that the Bureau of Land Management is initiating a revision phase for the White River Land Use Plan which covers an expanded area including all of the Piceance Basin oil shale lands. It would appear that this expanded plan, by including provisions for establishment



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of a system of federal oil shale priorities and coordination of the entire Colorado oil shale effort would fill an urgent need. I believe the Oil Shale Supervisor could be instrumental in helping to formulate planning necessary to initiation of an inclusive approach to federal involvement in oil shale extraction. The expanded Bureau of Land Management study could be a point of beginning.

Yours very truly,

RIO BLANCO NATURAL GAS CO.



Robert E. Chancellor
President

Enclosure

cc: Craig District Manager (w/encl.)
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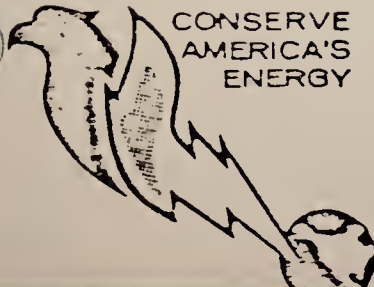
Mr. Peter Rutledge
Area Oil Shale Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

This responds to your recent letter concerning revised schedules for development of oil shale tract C-b. We are somewhat concerned that an additional four plus years will be required to bring the lease to commercial production. However, I also recognize that operations on both leases are on the frontiers of technology and cannot be predicted or scheduled with precision.

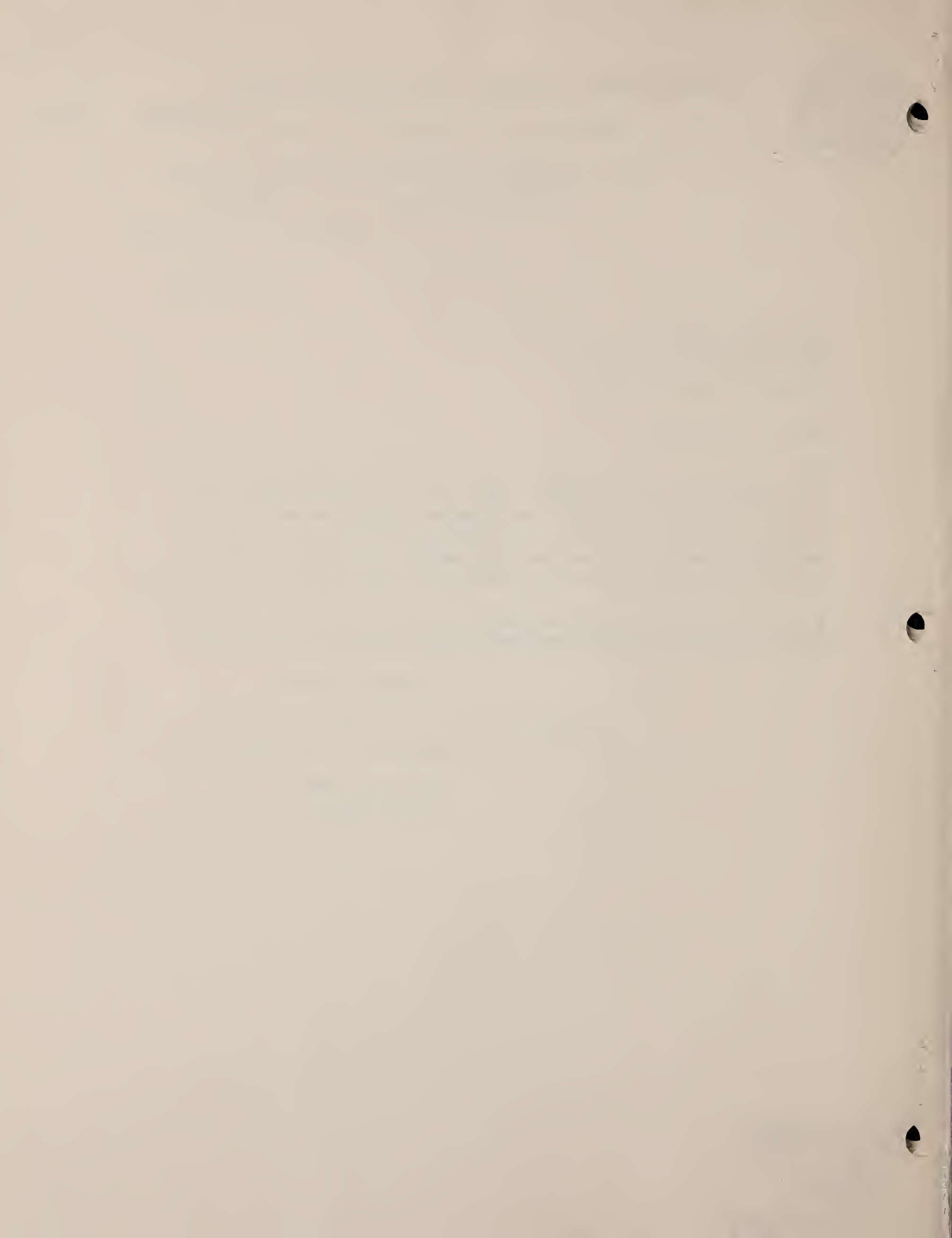
I believe that we should be alert to assure that the lessees continue to meet diligent development requirements of the leases.

Sincerely yours,


DALE R. ANDRUS
State Director


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Response to comments on the
revised Development and Manpower Schedule

Of the six comment letters received, four stated there were no significant problems or concerns with the revised Development and Manpower schedules and two indicated some concern over the revision. The following is the Area Oil Shale Office response to the two comment letters:

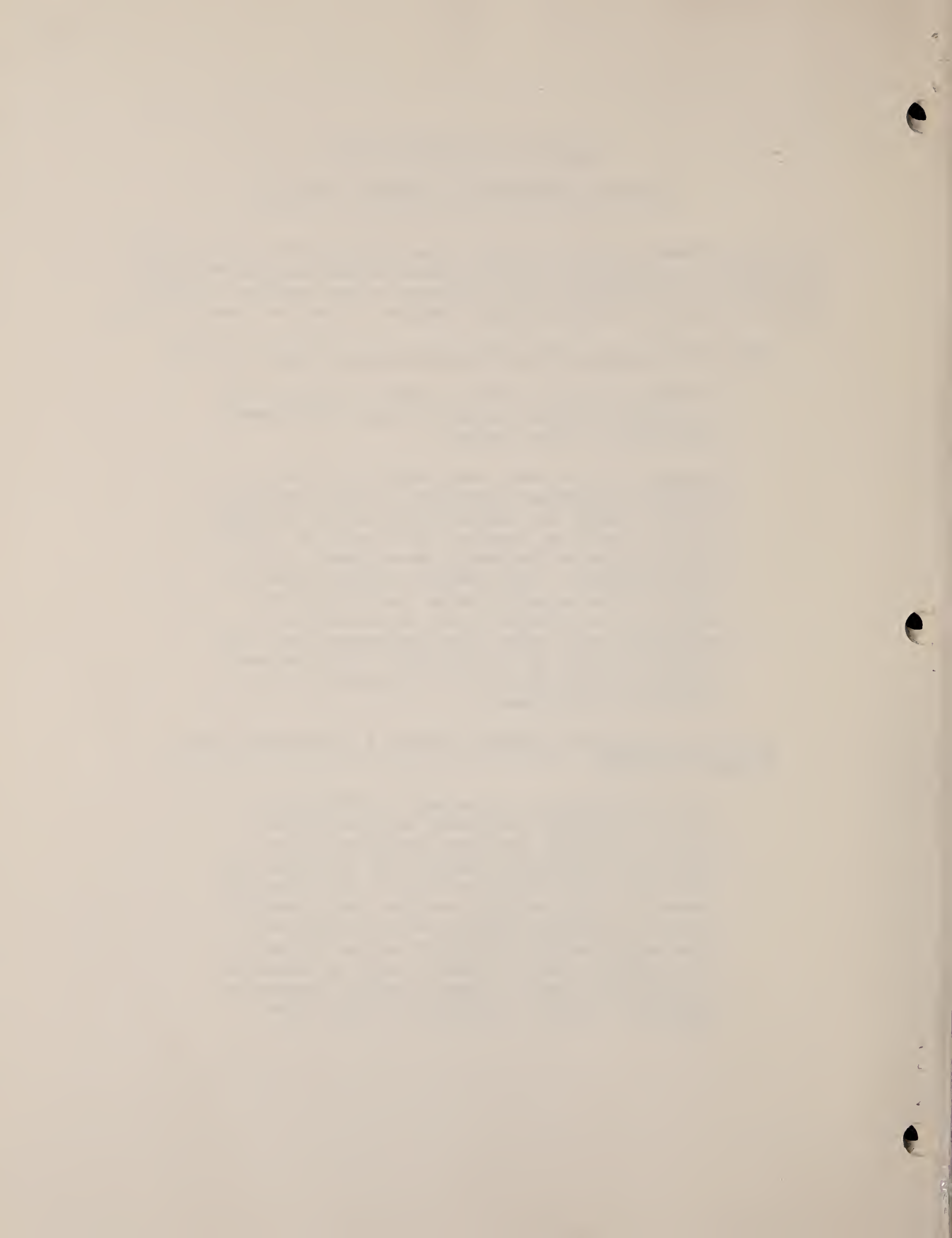
BLM, Dale R. Andrus, State Director letter of June 28, 1978.

"I believe that we should be alert to assure that the lessees continue to meet diligent development requirements of the lessees."

Response: We are very much aware of the due diligence provisions specified in Lease Section 10 and will remind the lessee of this in the approval letter. The lease requires the "Lessee to use all due diligence in the orderly development of the Leased Deposits". The revised schedule shows an effort by the Lessee to bring the project into production at as early a time as the method of development will allow. The requirement that the contractors operate on a 24 hour, 7 day per week schedule assures the earliest completion of the development operations.

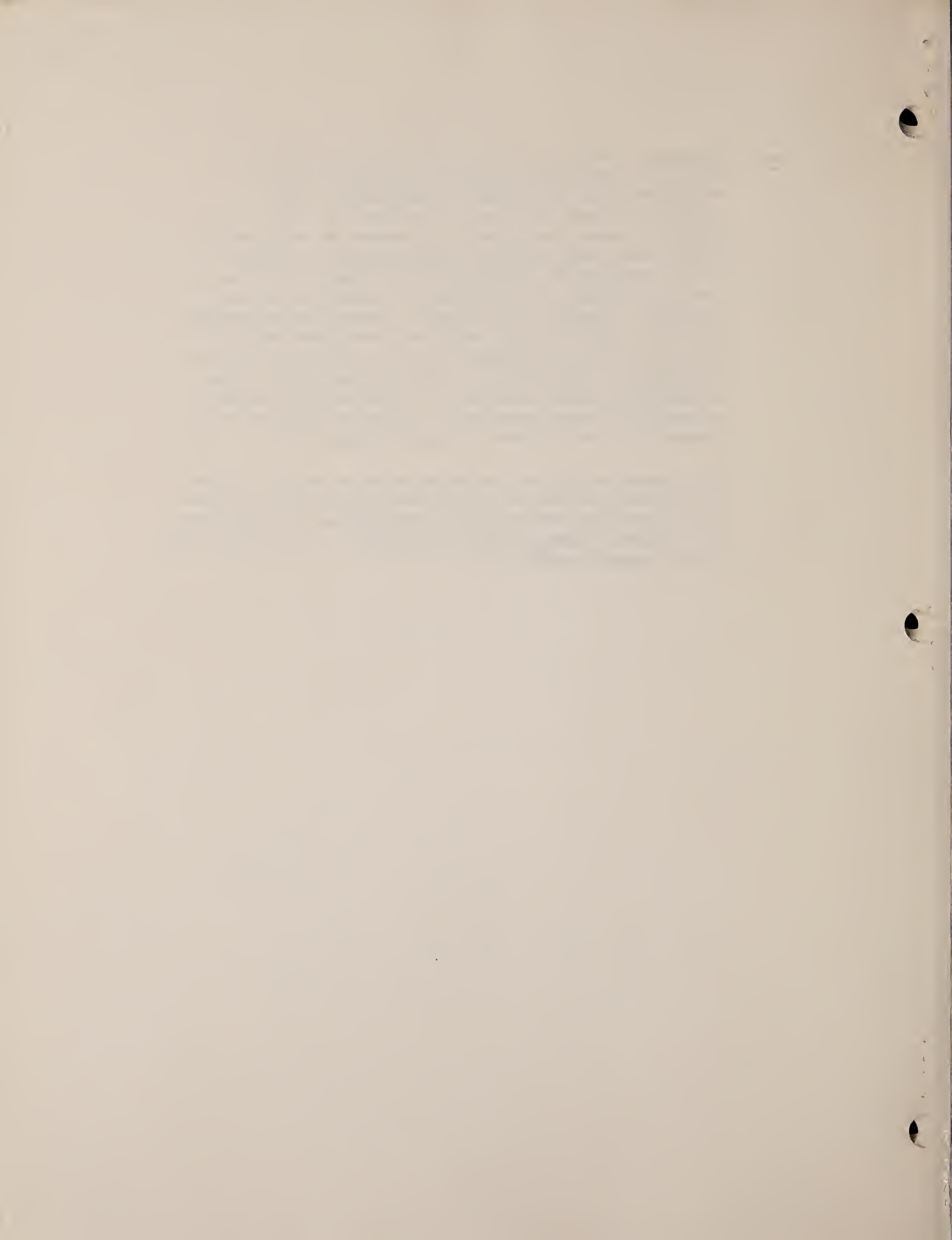
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Response: We recognize Mr. Chancellor's concerns voiced in the letter; however, disagree with the statement that the project is premature. The project has been well publicized and all facets of Federal, state, and local governments as well as the public have been given the opportunity to comment on all aspects of the program. We realize that some comment periods are short due to induced time constraints. However, all reports, plans, and documents related to this project have been made available to the public and any concerned party could have followed with detail, the project's path to the point of the submitted revised schedule. We feel ample time was allowed for review and, as in the past, would consider comments up to the time of the decision letter.

The commentor did not voice an opinion on the revised Development and Manpower schedule and therefore leaves us to conclude that he has no significant problem with the schedule change itself, but rather a concern over the short comment period.



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Memorandum

To: Area Oil Shale Supervisor

From: Assistant Secretary--Energy and Minerals

Subject: Revised Schedules for Oil Shale Tract C-b

The revised Development and Manpower schedules for the approved Detailed Development Plan submitted by lessees of Oil Shale Tract C-b is approved, with the explicit understanding that this does not represent any change in the lease terms, any extension of the lease or any suspension of the lease under which this project is being carried out. Nor can this approval be construed as meaning any relaxation of the diligence provisions in the lease.

This approval is predicated on the fact that the original shaft sinking schedule submitted for the DDP was unrealistic and more precise estimates of the amount of time required for this work are now available.



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