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SUNNYSIDE COAL MINE
Sunnyside, Utah
Telephone Sunnyside 27

February 28, 1953

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy
State Engineer
The State of Utah
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah

Price River Distribution

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 25 which advises that it has been brought to your attention that coal washing operations of our company are dumping fine coal dust and residue into the stream of the Grassy Trail Creek thus polluting the waters and that this is also causing the headgates of various irrigation companies to become clogged and that unwanted material is being washed onto the irrigated areas. You further advise that numerous complaints concerning this condition have been registered in past years.

I believe that you may have our company confused with some other party. In the first place, we do not dump any material into the Grassy Trail Creek stream. All of the waste water from our washing plant is piped and ditched to ponds located on our own property. These ponds lie in the drainage area of a dry wash known as Iceland Creek, and they are so designed so that no overflow runs off of our own property.

There are only two irrigated farms below us on the Grassy Trail Creek water supply. Neither one of these have ever made any complaints to us on the above conditions. The Grassy Trail Creek has been completely dried up since last October by the new dam built by Kaiser and Geneva above the town of Sunnyside. It appears that there will be no appreciable flow of water below the dam this year, there being only sufficient water to take care of the first water right of 5 sec. ft. which is owned by Geneva and Kaiser.



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Would you please advise me more details as to the complaints that have been raised so that I can investigate the matter further. However, it is likely that the complaints in question have reference to the washing operations of some other company.

Very truly yours,

KAISER STEEL CORPORATION
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R. G. Heers
Manager Sunnyside Operations

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cc: Mr. John Bene, Secretary
Price River Adjudication Committee
Price, Utah

