

Jeff Huggins - RE: Additional Anaconda Documents Request

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Date: 6/1/2012 3:49 PM
Subject: RE: Additional Anaconda Documents Request

Hi Jeff,

I've just finished looking through 220.01 and 16202.01 for you; I've found a few pieces of correspondence that appear to grant approval for various development projects. We can scan these for you, if you like. It's probably 75 pages or so.

Regarding your most recent request, we're not equipped to provide the kind of detailed research that's needed to answer your questions. There are a number of other requests in the queue, I'm afraid. It might be time to arrange for a visit to the AHC, or perhaps I could put you in touch with the Geology Department or the School of Energy and Natural Resources here at the University; there may be a student that you could add to your membership whom you could then hire to conduct research on your behalf. If you're willing to wait a bit, we may be able to track down answers to a few of the questions you pose in your message, but again, this may take some time for me to catch up on the requests waiting in my queue.

I would very much like to help you in your research and would like to be as helpful as possible, but there are limits as to what I'm able to do, unfortunately. I can try to gradually work through these files, though it will take time, or we can try to put you in touch with a proxy researcher—I'm happy to do what I can, so just let me know what your preferences would be.

All the best,

Rachael

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Hello again Rachael,

My request gets a little more complicated...We are still very interested in anything that shows control or direction of the day-to-day activities or long-term operations and development of the Walker Mine by Anaconda's management. Anaconda's management would likely have included the following:

Cornelius Kelley
C.E. Weed.
Reno Sales
J.R. Hobbins
Wm. Daly
Merl Gidel
Paul Billingsley

If possible, there are a few more files that we would like to look into.

00219.04 Gidel and others

16201.02 35 pages - correspondence re: development and production
16303.01 Patent application for Walker Mine: close to 40 pages
(see attached emails dated 10/06/11 for more information)

16304.03
16304.04
16304.09
16304.11
16304.14
16304.18
16304.20
16304.22
16304.24
16304.25

16304.29 through 16304.32 All reports by Anaconda Company on the Walker mine--1 linear inch of material, all bunched together in one larger file--includes mine recommendations, official reports, termed "letters." (see attached emails dated 10/06/11 for more information)

Unknown files?

A July 9, 1941 letter from Reno Sales to J.F. Dugan. It is referenced in a July 12, 1941 letter from Dugan to Sales in file 00302.02.

A July 1st, 1941 letter referenced in your 29 September 2011 email attached. I can not seem to find it in my files.

I hope this request is not too overwhelming. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions to facilitate the search.

Regards,

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Hi Jeff,

I do apologize for the delay in my reply. We'll be happy to look through the folders you referenced in your request (220.01 and 16202.01) to see if there are any additional pieces of correspondence that may be relevant. It may be a couple of weeks before we have a chance to consult these files, as we've recently been receiving a higher volume of requests.

Thank you very much for your patience as we work our way through the request queue; I hope that we find something of use to your research team. Do let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I'll be happy to help!

Best wishes,

Rachael

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Hello Rachael,

I was hoping to get some additional assistance on information from the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection.

Specifically, we are looking for further information on the Recommendations for Development Work (attached) that shows who approved the work. In the attached copies it shows that S.K. Droubay recommended the work but we would like to see who approved the work. This particular set of Recommendations for Development Work comes from file 00220.01. A February 1, 1939 letter from M. H. Gidel (also attached) seems to approve this work, but I was hoping there are copies of the Development Work sheets with the name of the person who approved the work.

I have also attached a September 1923 version of the Recommendations for Development Work (file 16202.01) with a cover letter from Paul Billingsley in which on the Development Work sheets he clearly approves the work. This is an excellent example of what we are looking for.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Regards,

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