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Mr. W. L. Selig
Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, Jr. H. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

On October 18, 1954, we wrote you a letter requesting that you submit a definite work proposal, representative samples of chrysotile asbestos and reports on evaluation of asbestos to the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

Again on January 6, 1955, we wrote you a letter advising that if the needed data have not been received by February 10,1955, we would then consider the matter closed.

To date we have not had answers to above referenced letters and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application. Accordingly we are removing the application from the active file and considering the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
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Mr. W. L. Selig
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San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMRA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Riba, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

Reference is made to our letter of October 18, 1954, requesting you to submit a definite work proposal, representative samples of chrysotile asbestos, and reports on evaluation of asbestos to the Executive Officer, DMRA Field Team, Region III, U. S. Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

Considerable time has elapsed since our request and no information has been received. We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time but if the needed data have not been received by February 10, 1955, we will then consider the docket closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. . Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

Reference is made to your letter of October 6, 1954, stating you desire to proceed with processing your application for exploration assistance.

Please refer to our letter of May 7, 1954, requesting that you submit a definite work proposal and representative samples of asbestos to qualify for a field examination. A copy of the evaluation report by the asbestos companies should accompany the samples you submit to Mr. H. C. Miller, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III, U. S. Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

When the above information is received we will resume processing your application.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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BERRY CREEK LAND CO.
112 Market Street
San Francisco
Telephone SUtter 1-8129

October 6, 1954

U. S. Dept. of Interior,
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration,
Washington-25, D. C.

Re: Docket #DMEA 3334 - Asbestos

Attention:- Frank E. Johnson

Dear Sirs;

We were pleased to receive your letter of September 27th and if it is at all possible we would like to proceed with the application.

The second paragraph of your letter of May 7th referred to both prospecting and exploration and to tell the truth it rather mystified us. Here is the situation as it exists today. We have found asbestos talc on our property. We have found it over what we consider to be a considerable piece of terrain but we have not found it in any large quantities. We have had men on our payroll drilling holes here, there and everywhere and they get specimens quite often.

As a matter of fact we have been in correspondence with two asbestos companies and they have asked us to send samples. Samples have gone forward but not enough time has intervened to hear in reply.

I would say we are now in an exploratory phase of our operations, wouldn't you? If you agree, please tell us how, if at all, we might expect help from any government program.

Meantime we will call on your local office as outlined in your letter and submit samples to them. If you have any suggestions please let us hear from you. I now note you made no mention in your latest letter of your local office and possibly we should wait till we hear from you in reply to this letter.

As you may have gathered, we do not wish you to remove our application from your active file.

Respectfully yours,

BERRY CREEK LAND CO.

/s/
W. L. SELIG

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Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Bihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Gentlemen:

On May 7, 1954, we wrote you with regard to your application for assistance in exploring the subject property. To date we have not had an answer to our letter and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application.

We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time but if the needed data have not been received by October 27, 1954, we will then remove the application from the active file and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson

ACTING Administrator

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1954

Memorandum

To: Mr. Lawrence G. Houk, Chief, Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Commodity Specialist, Construction and Chemical
Materials Branch

Subject: Barry Creek Land Co., DMEA 3334, application
for assistance

As no description of the property nor samples of the asbestos are available, it would appear that no steps can be taken by DMEA until the company furnishes concrete data on which to base a decision.

Oliver Bowles

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Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance for asbestos in Butte County, California, submitted to obtain fullest advantage of any benefits under the Defense Minerals Exploration Program.

It is inferred from the letter accompanying your application that the nature of the work you desire to do is prospecting rather than exploration and as such does not qualify for exploration assistance.

Should you determine the location of the asbestos exposures and desire to participate in the DMEA Program you may by submission of a definite work proposal and representative samples of acceptable fiber, qualify for a field team examination. The Region III Office, 1012 Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2, California, would be pleased to help you. The samples of asbestos fiber must be acceptable for stockpiling.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Hook, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 5, 1954

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3334 (asbestos)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. A. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: Berry Creek Land Co., San Francisco and Oroville, California.
Name of property: None.
Location of property: Butte County, California.
Summary of applicant's proposal: None.
Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments: First, the land must be prospected. Obviously we can't examine 4,000 acres of land with no lead.
RECOMMENDATION: That your office prepare suitable reply.

D. A. Larrabee

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cc: Director's reading 4212
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