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October 10, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder

FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist *SP*

RE: Belina Mine Complex, Valley Camp of Utah Inc., ACT/007/001, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

Lynn Kunzler and Sandy Pruitt conducted an inspection of the slide at the Belina Mine turnoff on October 3, 1985. Steve Tanner, Valley Camp, was contacted during this inspection.

This inspection was conducted in response to a request from Larry Dalton of the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) that DOGM inspect the stream rechannelization project for changes resulting from Valley Camp's recent revegetation efforts. Larry Dalton reported that riprap material had been removed or relocated and that straw mulch was applied too heavily. Larry Dalton's observations were not confirmed by this inspection. The extent of straw mulch applied was satisfactory. Inspectors could not detect anywhere that riprap had been removed or relocated. Of apparent concern was the potential source of sediments from the access road down to the stream rechannelization project. Steve Tanner was requested to arrange for sediment control, in the form of strawbales or silt fence, across the end of the access road at the stream channel to effectively minimize sedimentation and erosion of the stream bank.

Prior to this inspection, only the toe of the slide and the dike constructed along the stream channel had been seeded and mulched. No seed was applied to the slide itself. In correspondence between DOGM, DWR, and Valley Camp during the last year from when the slide first occurred in April 1984 to as recently as January 31, 1985, DOGM has requested revegetation of the slide as a slope stabilization measure. Steve Tanner explained Valley Camp's position that the slide area is likely to fail again next spring during the high runoff period, and they feel that applying seed to the area will not effectively stabilize the slope. This is a consideration, but Valley Camp must utilize some measure to stabilize the slide area; and DOGM believes that seed application is the least expensive method that could be implemented at this time in an attempt to stabilize the slope just in case it doesn't fail next spring. Valley Camp was advised to heed the October 20, 1985,

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deadline for fall seeding stated in a January 31, 1985, letter.
Failure to implement any slide stabilization measures by that time
will warrant enforcement action.

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Trevor Whiteside, Valley Camp

Statistics: See Skyline memo dated October 9, 1985.

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