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October 23, 1985

Mr. Trevor Whiteside
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
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Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Whiteside:

RE: Slide Area in Eccles Canyon, Belina Mine, ACT/007/001,
Folder #3, 7, & 13, Carbon Co. Utah

With regards to your verbal request of October 16, 1985 that this be the last time the Division require Valley Camp to seed the above referenced slide area until final reclamation, the Division has made the following findings:

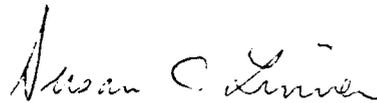
1. Pursuant to UMC 817.99, any time a slide occurs which could have a potential adverse effect on public property, health, safety, or the environment, the operator must promptly report it to the Division and comply with any mitigation measures required by the Division.
2. The slide is primarily a surface failure with several potential causes, including Valley Camp's snow removal practices.
3. Establishing vegetation is one of the most practical ways to stabilize a slide of this nature. In requiring Valley Camp to reseed the slide area this year, the Division gave consideration to the fact that the slide area had been previously seeded and still failed. The recommended seed mix for this seeding (see October 8, 1985 letter) was specifically designed to stabilize steep slopes whereas previous seed mixes gave more consideration for wildlife use.

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4. While the Division cannot eliminate seeding from future consideration should the slope fail again, other alternative measures would be considered. A possible alternative could be to demonstrate through accepted engineering practices that the berm and sediment control at the toe of the slide is sufficient to contain any additional slide and commit to maintaining these structures. Posting the slide area to warn passers-by of the danger may also be required.

The Division appreciates your cooperation to mitigate the impacts of the slide. Should you have additional concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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Reclamation Biologist/
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