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Mr. Barry Barnum
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Dear Mr. ^{*Barry*} Barnum:

re: Weed Control on the Revegetation Test Plots, Belina Mine Complex, ACT/007/001, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

On August 10, 1988, Myself and Brent Stettler of the Division accompanied Mr. Carl Bott, Carbon County Agriculture Inspector, on an inspection of the revegetation test plots to determine the occurrence of the state designated noxious weed, quack grass (Agropyron repens), and if present the extent of control that would be needed to eradicate this weed.

After searching the test plots and surrounding area, several plants were identified that were possibly quack grass. Samples were collected to send to the state lab for a final determination. It was determined that if it was quack grass, spot treatment with roundup would provide adequate control.

On August 15, after meeting with the state lab, it was determined that the specimens collected were western wheatgrass (Agropyron smithii) and not quack grass. Therefore, no control will be needed. The lab also indicated that quack grass is difficult to establish from seed and since no plants were found this year, it may not establish on site. Therefore, to put this issue to rest, unless routine monitoring of the site shows a weed problem, the Division will not require implementation of any weed control.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler
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