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February 14, 1989

Mr. J. E. Katlic  
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Dear Mr. Katlic:

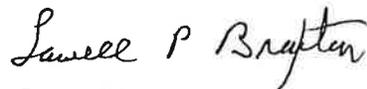
Re: Mid-Permit Term Review & Final Reclamation Plan, Blackhawk Coal Company, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/002, Carbon County, Utah

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 1989 discussing Blackhawk's plans for the disturbed area and permit area presently encompassed by the above referenced mining reclamation plan. Based on Blackhawk's commitment to reclaim the surface disturbance at this site, the Division accepts your withdrawal of the mid-permit term information submitted by May 22, 1987. The mid-permit term review will now be considered finalized and the Division will proceed with processing for approval a reclamation plan specifically dealing with existing disturbance liable for reclamation under SMCRA and the Utah program. A new permit area can be established that recognizes Blackhawk's obligation to reclaim these disturbances but greatly simplifies detail required to approve the reclamation plan. Dropping the undisturbed federal lands from the reclamation permit should facilitate the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) dissolving the federal mining and reclamation plan for this property: reclamation and reclamation permitting will proceed under the Utah Coal Program.

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Willow Creek Mine  
ACT/007/002

I appreciate Blackhawk's commitment to reclaim the disturbance and it's willingness to formulate reclamation plans well in advance of the fall 1989 reclamation season. Jody Belviso, of your staff, has scheduled a scoping session for February 23, 1989 in the Division offices in this regard. We will encourage her, at that time, to submit a comprehensive reclamation plan by March 31, 1989. Such an early submission will allow a resolution of details that invariably accompany reclamation plan approval. The Division is supportive of Blackhawk's desire to initiate reclamation operations in 1989 and would like to see approval granted so that a late September, early October, seeding program can be accomplished.

Sincerely,



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