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DIVISION OF
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Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Braztah Complex during the period of March 11, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Murray I. Smith]

Murray I. Smith
Chief, Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY
BRAZTAH COMPLEX
P.O. Box 629
Helper, Utah 84526
(801) 472-3411

DATE: March 11, 1980
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
WEATHER: Sunny, warm, snow melting
COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Gene Haub
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich and Doug Stewart
OSM OFFICIALS: Larry Damrau and Tom Anderson
STATE PERMIT NO: ACT/007/004
MSHA I.D. NUMBER: 42-00165 and 42-01517
STATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION: Four violations issued October 9, 1979 (are presently outstanding).
FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS: NOV #79-5-5-33 (5), NOV #79-5-5-30 (3), NOV #79-5-5-31 (3) NOV #79-5-5-32 (3), NOV #80-5-3-1 (3).
(All violations have been terminated or vacated.)

A follow-up inspection of Notice of Violation No. 80-5-3-1 was conducted to evaluate the remedial actions required. No surface drainage was observed leaving the affected areas during the inspection. Sedimentation control in the form of ditching and straw bales was observed at the No. 1 portal area and the north portion of the Castle Gate area. The culvert leading from the Castle Gate tipple had been reconstructed at the sedimentation pond to allow for sedimentation to drop out of suspension prior to the water discharging. Violation number 2 of 3 was terminated following the inspection.

During the inspection, it was observed that the enclosed conveyor, leading from the No. 1 portal, across highway 6 and the Price River, had discharged a considerable amount of water and coal fines at the support structure immediately east and adjacent to the Price River. No water was discharging from the conveyor at the time of inspection. Mr. Haub was informed of the situation and agreed to construct sedimentation control measures at the base of the structure to insure no coal fines enter the Price River should discharge occur at that point in the future.


LARRY DAMRAU
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST