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December 30, 1980

Mr. K. B. Hutchinson
Chief Engineer
Price River Coal Company
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RE: Cross-drain Variance Request,
Sowbelly Gulch Access Road.
Price River Coal Company
ACT/007/004
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Upon review of your recent request for a variance from the requirements of placing cross-drains in the Sowbelly Gulch access road, the Division forwards the following joint (State/Federal) response.

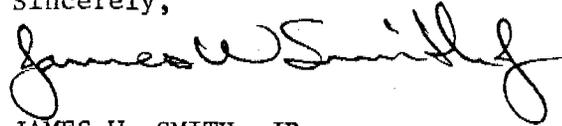
The proposal is given preliminary approval based upon the limited data submitted by Price River Coal Company thus far. Final review and approval may be granted upon receipt of additional information which adequately satisfied the provisions as outlined below.

1. Verify that the drainage system which currently flows to Spring Creek does not, and/or will not, encroach upon the road in such a manner as to cause excessive erosion.
2. Provide appropriate maps and/or drawings showing the affected stream section(s) and the specific sediment control measures to be utilized by Price River Coal Company to provide adequate erosion protection from the flow velocity of the 10 year-24 hr. precipitation event (i.e., velocity dissipators to reduce flow to 5 fps or less).
3. Assurance that continued routine maintenance will be provided for the drainage along both sides of the Sowbelly Gulch road.

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The Division appreciates the continued cooperation and coordination efforts which Price River Coal has provided in the past and hopes that this will continue in the future. If any questions arise concerning the requested information, please call Wayne Hedberg or myself.

Sincerely,



JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
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cc: Don Crane, OSM

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