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REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Eugene L. Haub
P.O. Box 629
Helper, Utah 84526

RE: Price River Coal Company
Castle Gate Area
ACT/007/004

Dear Mr. Haub:

This letter is to site violations of the Division's Interim Period Enforcement Regulations observed by Joe Helfrich during the April 2, 1980 inspection of the Price River Coal Company's #5 Mine, #3 Mine, #1 Portal and Castle Gate Area. Minimum requirements for the alleviation of the sited violations are included. However, these are meant as minimum requirements and for the most part are by no means the only alternative available.

Violation #1, MC 717.17(k) - Failure to maintain conveyors or other transport facilities so as to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flow or to runoff outside the permit area.

Price River Coal Company is hereby directed to abate the above-sited violation within the specified time period from receipt of this letter. At a minimum, abatement should consist of the following:

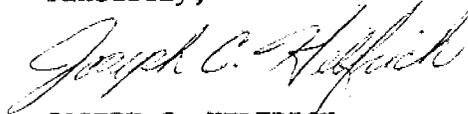
1. Implement a collection basin and/or straw bales around the affected area, below the conveyor system, to prevent further contribution of coal refuse from entering the Price River within 30 days.

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If the violations are not abated within the specified time, the matter will be referred to the Attorney General for commencement of administrative proceedings before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. However, if Price River Coal Company feels with good cause that these items are not violations, or that alternative methods can satisfy the abatement requirements, Price River Coal Company may meet with the Division concerning the matter and/or apply for a hearing before the Board. This action should be taken prior to the directed abatement deadline.

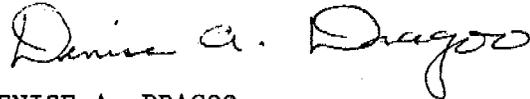
The April 3, 1980 inspection and subsequent notice of violation were under the rules and regulations of the Interim Regulatory Period. The Division, at this time, advises the Price River Coal Company that all non-federal coal mines must comply with the Permanent Regulatory Program standards and have new permits within 8 months of Office of Surface Mining approval of the State Program.

Sincerely,



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RECLAMATION OFFICER

AND



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