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Price River Coal Company
Crandall Canyon
Minor Modification to the
Braztah Complex
ACT/007/004

Dear Shirley,

Please look over the enclosed material pertaining to Price River Coal Company's Crandall Canyon Minor Modification. Of particular interest at the moment are any questions you may have that would relate to the installation of their access road. Corresponding information may be found in the ACR response; Section 3.75-C, exhibits 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D, the Road Cut and Slope Stability Analysis by R. B. and G. Inc., and Exhibit 15.

Our staff reviewed the road installation sections; is nearly finished with the Completeness Review; and is proceeding with the technical analysis on the project. I have informed Mr. Rob Wiley of P.R.C.C. that we will be able to permit their initial construction crew mobilization beginning today. This will provide two weeks in which we can respond to them with questions about the road before any work actually takes place. He has informed me that time is of the essence because of the traditional "before the snow flies" line of reasoning. They would like to lay utility wires in the roadbed this year. Any questions that arise could be handled over the phone for timely action.

Ms. Shirley Lindsey
October 22, 1981

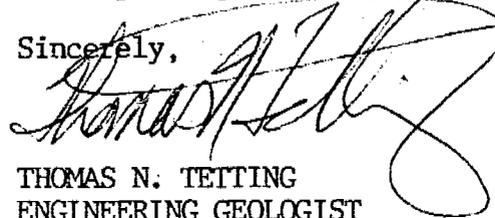
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We are also hoping to complete our technical review of the modification during this two week time period and will then be better able to determine if any possible items on the project might also affect the road. Our initial review leaves us with the impression that most matters are well in hand.

If we do not hear from the Office of Surface Mining in response to this matter by the fifth of November, we will assume that all questions arising from road construction have been satisfied in your minds.

Please let me know if I may be of any assistance regarding this situation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures