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August 27, 1981

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RE: Vegetation Sampling  
Price River Coal Co.  
Braztah Complex  
ACT/007/004  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Kling:

As per your letter dated August 18, 1981, the following comments should be made of the reference areas (RA's) that have been selected to represent the various vegetation communities:

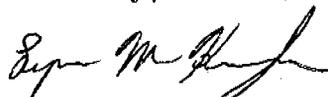
1. The pre-Law disturbance at the preparation plant will be represented by the mixed brush RA located above the present disturbance and the riparian RA located up river from the disturbance.
2. The Hardscrabble Canyon area and the Sowbelly Canyon area will be represented by the mixed brush RA and the grass-sage RA that are located at the first fork in the canyon above the surface facilities in Hardscrabble Canyon.
3. The Crandall Canyon site will be represented by the riparian RA located between Highway 6 and the surface facilities and the conifer RA located on the north facing slope in the area of the water tanks. As per the RA for the proposed leach field a commitment needs to be made as to what the standard will be.
4. We discussed placing a RA above the disturbance in Spring Hollow. If this is not being planned, what will be the standard for this area?

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The on-site tour was both informative and enjoyable. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

The proposed method for sampling vegetative cover that you have been using in Wyoming is being reviewed. We will let you know of our decision when the review is completed.

Sincerely,



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