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Background: The Crandall Canyon Modification is a part of the Price River Mining Complex. The Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the Complex was submitted to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) on September 22, 1978. An Apparent Completeness Review (ACR) has not been started on the MRP for the Price River Mining Complex. The Complex consists of the following mine plant facilities: The surface plant, which is located on the old Castle Gate town-site, includes transfer bins, crusher and screening plant, storage piles, conveyors, washing plant, settling ponds, reject bin, train loadout facilities, laboratory, shops, office, thickener tank, warehouse, bathhouse and parking area. Portal facilities consisting of office, shop, warehouse, and bathhouse facilities are located at each of the No. 3 and No. 5 mine portals.

The Crandall Canyon Modification consists of construction plans for the following facilities: Two mine shafts, a Class II access road, water and gas lines, mine ventilation system, men and materials hoisting system, bathhouse-office building, sewage treatment plant, workshop-warehouse building and storage area, parking area, electrical power substation and line, and stream channel diversions.

Chronology:

1. June 30, 1981 -- Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Utah DOGM), with verbal concurrence from the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), approved construction of 46 kilovolt power line in Crandall Canyon (across Bureau of Land Management land).
2. July 20, 1981 -- Letter from Utah DOGM to OSM stating the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the Crandall Canyon Modification was determined incomplete [regarding Apparent Completeness Review (ACR)].
3. July 21, 1981 -- Utah DOGM letter to Price River Coal Company (PRCC) stating MRP for Crandall Canyon Modification was determined incomplete (regarding ACR).
4. July 30, 1981 -- Utah DOGM letter informing OSM of their decision to approve PRCC's plan to construct a 6 month emergency heliport facility in support of new power line construction.
5. September 16, 1981 -- Copy of 22 page response to Utah DOGM ACR by PRCC for the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP.
6. October 19, 1981 -- Utah DOGM letter to OSM documenting the United States Fish and Wildlife Service power line surveys and determination that raptor electrocution problems are not anticipated in Crandall Canyon project area.

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7. October 22, 1981 -- Letter from Utah DOGM to OSM asking if there are any questions regarding the installation of the access road to the Crandall Canyon Modification. PRCC was informed by Utah DOGM that permission was granted to "mobilize construction crews" as of October 22, 1981.
8. November 6, 1981 -- Letter from Utah DOGM to OSM stating Utah DOGM has found the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP to be complete and is still awaiting OSM response on road modification.
9. November 9, 1981 -- OSM in Denver, Colorado received memo from OSM Civil Engineer in Kansas City, Missouri approving Crandall Canyon access road design.
10. November 9, 1981 -- OSM gave verbal concurrence on "minor" modification to a 211 permit of the Crandall Canyon access road. This road is located on private land.
11. November 12, 1981 -- Letter from Utah DOGM to PRCC informing of verbal concurrence from OSM on road construction. Included a copy of Determination of Completeness (DOC) Review completed by Utah DOGM staff. The DOC referred to was not attached, but it is assumed that this is the same DOC referenced in Utah DOGM's November 6, 1981 letter covering the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP. Letter states that concurrence has not been received from OSM on DOC for the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP and a consolidated DOC is expected by the middle of December, 1981.
12. December 1, 1981 -- Letter from PRCC to OSM enclosing copy of completed information on waste water handling for Crandall Canyon Modification.
13. December 8, 1981 -- letter from Utah DOGM to PRCC stating that leachfield design plans for the Crandall Canyon Modification were received and would be included in the final Technical Analysis (TA) of the Crandall Canyon Modification to the Price River Mining Complex MRP.
14. December 11, 1981 -- Letter from Utah to PRCC informing company of an administrative delay in the review of Price River Complex MRP. Staff shortages and reviews of modifications rather than permanent permit applications have caused delays.
15. December 17, 1981 -- Letter from Utah DOGM to OSM stating that the Utah DOGM has determined the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP apparently complete. This letter states the following, "An approved plan will be incorporated into the complete complex plan insofar as becoming an integral part that will not need to be reviewed at a future date."
16. January 12, 1982 -- Telephone conversation between Tom Tetting of Utah DOGM and John Montgomery of OSM. Mr. Tetting informed Mr. Montgomery that Utah DOGM would be conducting an "in-house" review of the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP. According to

16. Mr. Tetting, after this process was completed, the approved Crandall (cont'd.) Canyon Modification plans would be "shelved" until the Price River Complex MRP was ready for review. At that time, the Crandall Canyon Modification plans would be reactivated and become a part of the Price River Complex MRP review process.
17. January 15, 1982 -- Based on clarification provided by Tom Tetting's telephone conversation of 1/12/82, OSM sent letter to Utah DOGM concurring that the Crandall Canyon Modification MRP is apparently complete. This concurrence was given with the understanding that at the time when the Price River Complex MRP completeness determination is made, the Crandall Canyon Modification completeness determination will be included in the newspaper publications and agency notifications required under UMC 786.11 (a) and (b).
18. February 19, 1982 -- Utah DOGM sent OSM a copy of their letter to PRCC informing them that they (Utah DOGM) have completed the technical review of the Crandall Canyon Modification. The letter stated, "A conditional approval is hereby given based upon acceptance and implementation of seventeen separate stipulations herewith attached:" OSM was told (1/12/82 telephone conversation) that Utah DOGM was not planning to approve the Crandall Canyon Modification at this time. OSM had not seen the State's TA and stipulations prior to receipt of the copy of this letter to the company.
19. February 26, 1982 -- Telephone conversation between Tom Tetting of Utah DOGM and John Montgomery of OSM. Mr. Tetting informed Mr. Montgomery that Utah DOGM has granted PRCC the approval to complete the Crandall Canyon Modification. According to Mr. Tetting, PRCC plans to start construction at the Crandall Canyon site this spring--1982.