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Mr. Rob Wiley
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RE: Termination of NAOC 81-2-3-1
Crandall Canyon Mine
ACT/007/004
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wiley:

No violation situation now exists as you have informed the DOGM staff of your modified plans for disposal of the waste material currently stored outside of the authorized fill area. Rather than extend the deadline for NAOC N81-2-3-1, in the December 30, 1981, letter I included an option for submittal of plans for the proposed use of the material, thereby allowing an opportunity for Price River Coal (PRC) to use the material as needed and alleviate this concern as expeditiously as possible. I am apologetic for the briefness of the letter and apparently unclear language and hope that the explanation below clarifies the foundation of my concern.

Although it is not briefly stated and entails referencing the definitions (UMC 700.5), the general definition of underground development waste is clearly intended to include waste generated in underground mining activities. Underground mining activities are, by definition, a combination of surface and underground operations. Maintenance of impoundments is a defined surface operation. The author's intent is clear, waste material generated in surface operations (including compliance work required by UMC 817.46[h]) should be placed in a controlled manner as authorized under UMC 817.71.

PRC failed to obtain authorization for storage of the waste material at the old topsoil stockpile location (proposed location of the warehouse and sediment pond 013) prior to its placement. Mr. Feight was informed that the subject material would be disposed of along with the muck generated in shaft development. The approved portion of the Crandall Canyon mine plan proposes

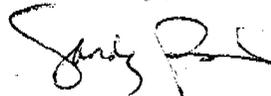
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disposal of the muck as fill in development of the bathhouse and office pad. No shaft muck was to be used in development of the warehouse pad where the material was placed. Therefore, the waste material was not placed in accordance with the approved plan and Mr. Feight's acknowledgement. As the intended disposal plans (as culvert bedding) had changed from the authorized plans, notification and approval of the modification must be obtained.

Your response to my December 30, 1981, letter adequately informs DOGM of the current status of the waste and intended modification to disposal plans. Several Division members have further accredited your January 6, 1982, letter in nomination for a Busby Berkeley award.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



SANDY PRUITT
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Tetting, DOGM

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