

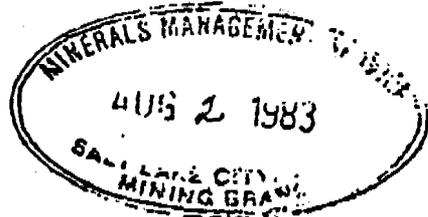
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CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED
Certified No. 562075



Mr. Jackson W. Moffitt
Bureau of Land Management
2040 Administration Building
1745 West 1700 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

Re: Heiner Reject Pile (MSHA No. 1211-UT-9-0023)

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

In 1895 the Castle Gate mines started dumping reject in a pile near the Price River just north of the mouth of Panther Canyon. In 1940 the first coal preparation plant was built in Castle Gate and the quantity being placed on the pile increased.

The pile was almost continually burning and on one occasion a major fire engulfed the entire pile. After that fire, layers of dirt were laid between layers of reject to help reduce the fire problem.

The pile was abandoned in 1960 because the pile had become too large and was difficult to dump on and to control fires.

In 1963 (3 years after the pile was abandoned) the Castle Gate mine connected to the Kenilworth mine. This was the first time a federal coal lease was mined from Castle Gate; therefore, none of the reject in the pile could have come from a federal coal lease.

Note: Historical information obtained from Boyd Harvey and John Tallerico. Both men at different times served as superintendent of the Castle Gate mines.

Very truly yours,

PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laine Adair".

Laine Adair
Planning Engineer

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cc: K. Hutchinson
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