

February 25, 1983

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Technical Inspection
of the Price River Coal
Company Complex
ACT/007/004 #63
Carbon County, Utah

On February 15 and 16, 1983 Tom Tetting of the Division met with Bennett Young, TPO from Office of Surface Mining, Rob Wiley and Laine Adair from Price River Coal Company. Rob Wiley familiarized Bennett Young with the entire mine plan layout and surface facilities for the first time. In addition, several concepts and questions concerning the consolidation of material by Price River Coal Company for a response to the ACR were discussed. Of major concern to the company was meeting the proposed deadlines for resubmittal of information. The difficulty being, surface surveys and measurements dependant on snow melt and weather.

Tom Tetting and Laine Adair discussed the geologic and hydrologic aspects of the review and toured the property both from the surface and underground. An appreciation was developed for the complexities of seven-separate-seam coal mining, the wide variation in sandstone members of the Blackhawk Formation, greatly varied roof and floor conditions of the mine and occurrence of water in the mine during "dry" (non-mining) conditions. Because the mines are shut down very little water is present even at the faces. Also, no water is being pumped into the mines at this time and from the variety of localities visited, the lack of areas making water was more evident than under normal conditions. Several roof falls and a "new" system of truss-roof bolting were also inspected.

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Statistics:

Vehicle: Ex #69387 - 270 miles
Per Diem: 1 person x 1 day, 6 hours = \$48.15
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