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June 13, 1983

Mr. Robert Wiley  
Price River Coal Company  
P. O. Box 629  
Helper, Utah 84526

RE: Price River Complex  
ACT/007/004  
Folder No. 2  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wiley:

The Utah State Regulatory Program, approved January 21, 1981, required that all existing mines file an application for a permit within two months of the program approval date. All applications were to have been acted upon within eight months (September 21, 1981) of the program approval date; however, an administrative delay provision within the Utah Program allows continued operations during extended permit application review.

It is now 20 months after the date by which all permits were to have been approved, and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is requiring that a decision be made on your permit. OSM plans to make a decision on your permit application in December 1983. This decision will be made in accordance with the written findings of compliance requirements of UMC 786.19. These findings can be made only on the basis of a complete application, and cannot be addressed through the use of permit stipulations. Therefore, it is essential that you respond to any deficiencies found during the review of your application within the time period stated in the deficiency letter.

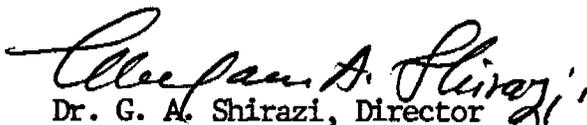
OSM has assumed the primary responsibility for reviewing your application for a permit. This is largely due to the existence of Federal lands involved in your operation. The change in responsibility to OSM rather than the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) in no way changes the status of the Utah program. OSM is the regulatory authority on Federal lands in Utah until a cooperative agreement has been finalized. Until then OSM will continue to issue permits on Federal lands. Once the regulatory authority has made a

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decision on your permit application, your authorization to continue operation under administrative delay is ended. This means that in order to approve your permit application, we must have the information necessary to make all of the required findings on schedule.

Please work with us to assure a timely decision on your permit application. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Manger or Walter Swain at OSM (303) 837-5421.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. G. A. Shirazi, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Utah Department of Natural Resources

  
Allen D. Klein, Administrator  
Western Technical Center  
Office of Surface Mining