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Mr. Rob Wiley  
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Dear Mr. Wiley:

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) staff has reviewed your letter of May 22, 1984 concerning the Notice of Violation (N.O.V.) issued by the OSM Albuquerque office dated May 8, 1984 (N.O.V. #84-2-032-1). Our review of the designs for construction of a sediment pond in Hardscrabble Canyon (Pond 009), indicated that additional information will be required before this construction can be approved. The requested information was forwarded to you under separate cover.

Upon approval of a complete plan for pond 009, OSM will send Price River Coal Company a letter approving construction. Due to the importance of environmental concerns at the base of the Hardscrabble Canyon surface facility area, OSM will approve an amendment to the Price River Coal Company interim permit that will allow construction of Pond 009 after the design plans have been approved. The approved pond designs will become part of the Price River Coal Company permanent program permit. A 30 day abatement period will begin upon receipt of an OSM approval letter to construct a sediment control pond in Hardscrabble Canyon.

Should you have any questions on the contents of this letter, please contact either Dave Maxwell or Walter Swain at (303) 844-3806.

Sincerely,

  
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Administrator  
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