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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

RE: NOV N84-2-5-1
Price River Complex
ACT/007/004, Folder No. 7
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wiley:

Enclosed is a copy of the analysis of a water sample taken during an inspection February 29, 1984. Also enclosed is Notice of Violation #1 of 1 (N84-2-5-1) issued for the failure to meet effluent limitations for disturbed area drainage from the small material storage area adjacent to the guard shack in Sowbelly Canyon. This sample was obtained at the discharge from the first road drainage culvert receiving runoff from the small material storage area below the inlet to sediment pond 005 after that runoff had passed through the series of straw bales in the road drainage ditch. The results of this analysis indicate that the sediment control measures provided are inadequate for a small area exemption. I think that this can be mitigated with the remedial actions required by this NOV and continued maintenance of the straw bales. It is requested that Price River Coal Company demonstrate that the small area exemption is warranted. This may simply be achieved by a commitment to maintain the straw bales (possibly assigning someone at the #5 Mine to be responsible for daily inspection of the bales and arranging maintenance as necessary) and by designating a snow storage site above the sediment ponds to reduce the volume of disturbed area runoff flowing through the straw bales.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or a problems in abating this violation by April 16, 1984.

Sincerely,

Sandy Pruitt
Field Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Steve Martin, OSM, Albuquerque
Dave Maxwell, OSM, Denver

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