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Ms. Dianne R. Nielson, Division Director
State of Utah - Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Re: Ten Day Notice, #85-2-113-1, Price River Coal Company,
Bratzah Complex, ACT 007/004, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Nielson:

I have received a communication from Mr. Thomas Wright, Mining Field Specialist, of your offices. He has described his March 6, 1985, follow-up inspection and investigation of a reported violation. This violation was cited in Ten Day Notice #85-2-113-1 and issued on February 28, 1985, to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, on Price River Coal Company by Charles Botdorf, Office of Surface Mining, Albuquerque Field Office.

The violation was issued to prevent an event of contributing additional suspended solids to an undisturbed (ephemeral) drainage, thereby reducing a potential for water pollution. This violation is not considered to be an event of willful violation. In consideration of field elements and area of disturbance, the existence of this violation at the minesite is not opinioned to be reflective upon Program enforcement.

A situation of probable environmental degradation was rapidly mitigated by the operator in a responsive, cooperative manner. I concur with the field observations and recommendations of Mr. Wright that no other enforcement action is warranted at this time. DOGM's action in this case is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office