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To: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist ^{Tw}
RE: Price River Coal Company, Price River Coal Complex,
ACT/007/004, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection of the above mentioned mine site was conducted by Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist on January 9, 1985. I was accompanied on this inspection by Division Hydrologist, Dave Hooper and Ken Hutchinson of Price River Coal Company (PRCC). The weather was clear and cold with heavy snow cover on the area.

Due to conditions with its parent company (American Electric Power Service Corporation) all mining had ceased and with the exception of maintenance and security all facilities were inactive.

Sowbelly Canyon

Snow was being bladed from the main pad by a front end loader and piled at the upper end of Sediment Pond #4. Placement of this contaminated snow was marginal for runoff control so I advised Mr. Hutchinson that stockpiling of this should be done with care. This area will be reexamined during future inspections.

The slotted drain crossing the haul road was examined and found to be functional. No runoff was entering the drain on this date. Maintenance of this should be a prime concern of the operator.

Hardscrabble Canyon

Heavy snow cover exists on the Goose Island reclamation project. No work of any kind has occurred here in some time. No evidence of any runoff from the area was noted.

The two slotted drains crossing the haul road were checked and found to be functional. Slight melting was occurring at the upper drain but very little flow was noted.

No runoff from the disturbed area into any of the sediment Ponds was noted.

Crandall Canyon

Work has been ongoing recently on the south side of the lower sediment pond to remove old existing structures. The operator must take care to prevent damage to the pond.

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No work has been done on the leech field or topsoil stockpile located up canyon from the site. PRCC has had a problem in the past with hunters driving over berms protecting the topsoil.

Castlegate Prep Plant

No runoff on the area as of this date. All sediment ponds appear maintained and functional. No refuse had been placed on the disposal area since the last inspection.

Willow Creek

Heavy snow covered the site so access was not possible on this date. Viewed from the road to Duchesne there appears to have been no activity since the last snowfall.

No violations were noted on this inspection.

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Statistics: See Tower memo dated 1/14/85.
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