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October 14, 1986

Mr. Lowell Braxton, Administrator
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Three Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

On September 26, 1986, Mr. David Lof of your staff made a records check of various paperwork required by State regulations. The purpose of this letter is to report on the status of these records:

- 1) Sediment Pond Certification: The inspection revealed that Price River Coal had not kept as built certified drawings of all of the sediment ponds. The ponds which do not have as built drawings are being cleaned, surveyed, as built drawings will be made of the cleaned basins. This work should be completed by 15 November.
- 2) No flow data was available for the upper area of Hardscrabble Canyon and no sample point was noted on the Water Monitoring Map No. 7-3. Mr. Lof suggested that we add a point to correct this situation. The attached 7 copies of Exhibit 7-3 shows additional sample point B-12, which monitors the upper end of Hardscrabble Canyon. I contacted Mr. Mel Coonrod who does our water sampling. He stated that he has always checked the area of B-12, but no flow has ever been observed.
- 3) State Health approvals for sediment ponds: Mr. Lof noticed that not all of the sediment ponds have the letter from the Department of Health approving of the pond design. The attached letter to Mr. Steve McNeal of the Department of Health requests copies of their pond approval letters.
- 4) Drainage into No. 3 Portal exhaust: Mr. Lof noticed in his field inspection that overland flow drainage went into the exhaust portal but was not shown on the drainage plan. Exhibit 3.3-4a (7 copies) has been revised to show the small .8 acre drainage which flows into the exhaust portal. No flow is diverted into the portal. Only sheet flow drains into the portal where it is dissipated by evaporation. This situation has existed for many years. No water has ever had to be pumped out from the portal.

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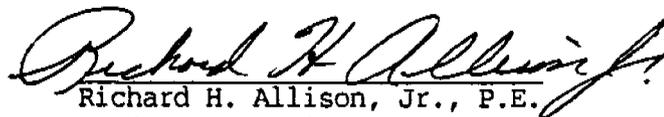
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Additionally, Exhibit 3.3-4a also shows the location of the new sewerline and waterline. Please note that the proposed sewage treatment plant and infiltration pond have been deleted. Helper City has received funds to extend their sewerline to the Castle Gate property and therefore no sewage treatment plant will be needed.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at our Helper office.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Allison, Jr., P.E.
Project Supervisor

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Attachment

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**CASTLE
GATE**
COAL COMPANY

September 29, 1986

Mr. Steve McNeal
Utah Department of Health
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
P. O. Box 16690
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0690

Dear Mr. McNeal:

On May 31 of this year, Castle Gate Coal Company took control of the Price River Coal Company mining complex in Helper, Utah. During the transfer of the mine, the documentation of Sediment Pond approvals by your Bureau were either lost or not transferred to Castle Gate Coal Company.

Therefore, I am requesting copies of the Sediment Pond approvals given to Price River Coal for the following structures:

Crandall Canyon:

1. Basin #14
2. Basin #15

Hardscrabble Canyon Mine No. 3:

1. Basin #9
2. Basin #8
3. Basin #7
4. Basin #6 has been reclaimed.

Sowbelly Canyon Mine No. 5:

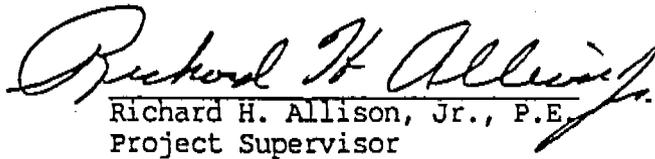
1. Basins #011, 012, 013

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If you have any problems with this request, do not hesitate to call me at 472-8661. This documentation is required for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Allison, Jr., P.E.
Project Supervisor

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cc: Dave Miller
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