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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Technical Center (WTC) has received the December 19, 1985, Price River Coal Company submittal of a minor modification to permit No. UT-0007 (State Permit ACT/007/004) for the Hardscrabble Canyon mine. Your transmittal letter of December 24, 1985, indicated that WTC should review the materials and communicate any comments to your staff.

Vernon Maldonado, project leader of WTC's Mine Plan Review Branch, discussed our review findings on January 24, 1986, with Mr. Dave Kline of your office. WTC's concerns regarding a high Mannings "n" value and high flow velocities used in the proposed diversion designs, had also been identified by your staff's review. It is our understanding that you are in the process of communicating these deficiencies to the company.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the review of this submittal.

If you have any further questions, please contact Vernon Maldonado or Richard Holbrook of my staff at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

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Melvin L. Shilling, Chief  
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